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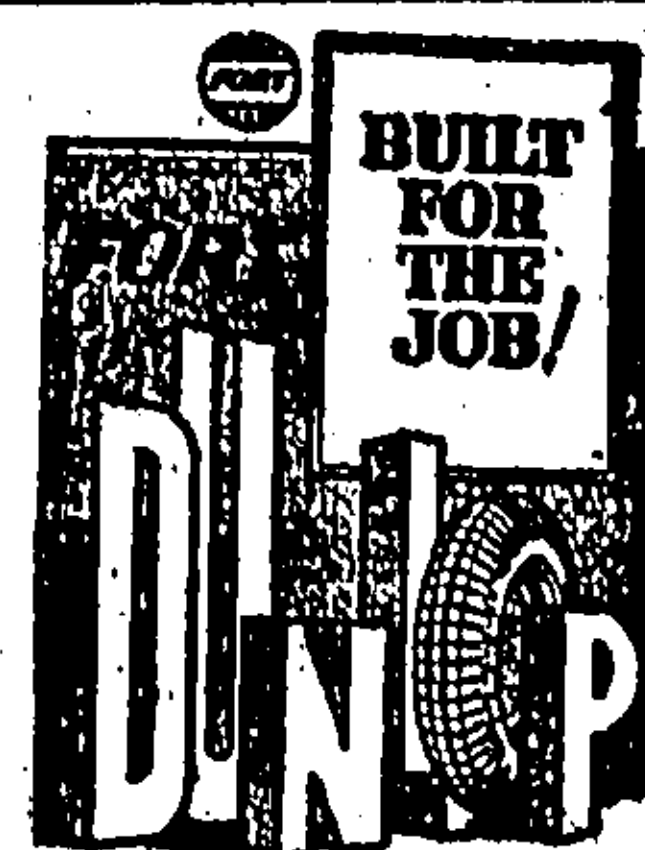
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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. — The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11 3/4d.

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## KING ALFONSO MAY ABDICATE.

Republicans' Challenge  
to Monarchy.

"A CLEAR SOLUTION."

Madrid, Yesterday.  
Much comment has been aroused by a note in the Press signed by the Republican leaders, who issued a manifesto last December saying, "If those in power have not learned the lessons of yesterday then we Republicans are willing to undertake the task of restoring the republic of Spain and assume full responsibility before the Nation and foreign powers."

The message is considered to be a challenge to King Alfonso. Hitherto 974 Republicans have been returned, compared with 578 Monarchists. Even Republicans are astonished at the extent of their victory.

King Alfonso, according to the newspapers, in a conversation with one of his Ministers, declared that he was convinced that the Republican votes were directed at himself personally. Therefore, he considered it his business to arrive at a clear and definite solution of the affair.

Cabinet Resigns.

After a long Cabinet meeting it is believed that the Government decided to resign. One of the Ministers emphatically denied that the Cabinet even mentioned the question of King Alfonso's abdication, and said that the Cabinet's decision would be conveyed to the King to-morrow. — Reuter.

Earlier Cable.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Depression is noticeable in Government circles to-day, although there are returns still to come from thousands of rural districts which are expected to counter-balance the sweeping Republican victories in the towns, and even to show a pro-monarchist majority in the country as a whole.

Count Romanones, the Foreign Minister, invited foreign correspondents to meet him yesterday evening, but he was absent and the only information the correspondents received was that Guadalajara, which Romanones has represented in Parliament for a quarter of a century, has now gone Republican.

A feature of the elections has been that for the first time in history the mass of the population voted in full strength. — Reuter.

## FLYING PREMIER.

RETURNS TO LONDON IN A  
BOMBER.

SCOTTISH VACATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, returned by air to London to-day from Lossiemouth, his Scottish home, where he spent Easter during the Parliamentary recess. He travelled in a two-seater "bomber" piloted by Flight-Lieutenant Hislop, and the journey of 450 miles occupied 8 hours 40 minutes. As is his custom when flying, the Premier read during most of the flight, his book on this occasion being H. M. Tomlinson's essays, "Gifts of Fortune." On reaching Downing Street, the Premier was soon immersed in State business preparatory to a re-assembly of Parliament to-morrow. — British Wireless Service.

## CUSTOMS PACT.

TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT  
LEAGUE MEETING.

BRITISH SUGGESTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The League Secretariat at Geneva to-day received the British Government's communication suggesting that the question of the proposed Austro-German Customs Agreement should be placed on the agenda of the Council meeting next month. — British Wireless Service.

## ALLEGED TOBACCO SMUGGLER.

Truth About "Load of  
Material."

OFFICER'S CHASE.

The story of a chase after an alleged tobacco smuggler was related in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, when Revenue Officer Pearce charged three Chinese—Lai Tak-hung, Ng Kau and Wong Shok—with having possession of 700 lb. of tobacco on which duty had not been paid. The first accused is also charged with having possession of 700 lb. of tobacco, illegally imported.

The officer said he stopped a motor lorry in Tai Po Road shortly before dawn yesterday morning. He saw the first defendant seated on top of the load, which consisted solely of bags of tobacco. The man jumped from his seat, dropped thirty feet down the bank at the edge of the road, and made off in the direction of Shamshui. The officer caught him after a chase of about a mile. — Bail Allowed.

The other two men were seated in the driving seat of the vehicle and said that they were employed as drivers by the Wong Sing Kee firm of cement dealers and contractors, and had been engaged to transport a load of material from Tai Po. The material turned out to be tobacco.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the second and third defendants, and applied for bail, which was allowed at \$500 each. Bail in the case of Lai Tak-hung was fixed at \$9,000 which is the value of the tobacco.

The hearing was fixed for 11.15 a.m. on Monday next.

## DRAMATIC EVENING

THREE PLAYS TO BE GIVEN IN  
KOWLOON.

IN ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

We are asked to remind the public of the concert being held to-morrow at 9 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. The Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Players are providing the entire programme with three one-act plays from their repertoire, and those who have already seen these clever amateurs in their different productions during the season can be assured of an enjoyable evening in store.

The plays to be presented are, "The Twelve Pound Look," a comedy by Sir James M. Barrie, "In Port," a drama adapted for the stage by Norman McKinnell, and "The Stepmother," a farce by the late Arnold Bennett. The plays are being produced by Mr. W. Robertson, and have been played here previously with definite success. A second presentation, therefore, gives the public an opportunity of seeing these amateur actors at their best, and should certainly enhance the reputation of the dramatic club.

No charge is being made for admission to the concert, but a collection will be made during the evening for the organ fund.

## LOST AND FOUND.

NAVAL SURGEON MISSES  
HIS CAR.

Surg. Lieut. Comdr. Crossman-Davies, of the Royal Naval Hospital, reported to the Police that at 7.55 o'clock last night he parked his Austin Seven car near the grounds of the University. On returning at 11.30 p.m. he found that the vehicle was missing. The car was recovered by the Police near the V.R.C. at the junction of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central, and taken to the Central Police Station compound.

## SCIENTIFIC STUDIES.

Mukden, Yesterday.  
The trustees in charge of the Chang Hsueh-lang educational fund have decided to build two educational institutions at Mukden, one for scientific studies and the other for physical culture. Each building is estimated to cost \$500,000. — Reuter.

## NEW CABINET TO BE FORMED IN JAPAN.

Mr. Wakatsuki Called  
to the Palace.

FEW CHANGES EXPECTED.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
At 9.20 a.m. to-day there came a message summoning Mr. Wakatsuki to an audience in the Royal Palace at 10.30.

After receiving the Imperial command to form a new Cabinet, Mr. Wakatsuki is expected to proceed to hospital to consult with Mr. Hamaguchi regarding the composition of the Cabinet, which will probably be the same as before, except that General Minami is expected to replace Mr. Ugaki, while it is now intimated that Mr. Koizumi will probably be superseded in the Portfolio of Communications.

The new Cabinet is expected to be organised early in the evening. — Reuter.

## FALSE SCALES.

FIREWOOD DEALER CHARGED  
WITH FRAUD.

A CLEVER TRICK.

Cheung Chun (30), a firewood dealer, was brought before Mr. Williams in the Second Central Court this morning, charged with having committed a fraud by using a weighing-yard which he knew was false at Caine Road on April 11. The complainant was Lo On-king, a tailor.

Inspector Ellis, in charge of Weights and Measurements Department, said that the complainant purchased several cetties of firewood through defendant, who carried an individual scale, which had been so arranged that it operated 36 per cent. against the customer. The complainant noticed this through a wire ring being attached to the hook. The quantity of firewood weighed 120 cetties on the false scale and 80 cetties on a genuine weighing-yard.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 with the alternative of four weeks' hard labour.

## IN CAPTIVITY.

CHINESE GIRL ESCAPES ACROSS  
BORDER.

TAKEN FROM MACAO.

Stated to have been in captivity for four years in Chinese territory, a Chinese girl, Lo Tai-ma, aged 14 years, was taken to the Shamshui-po Police Station yesterday.

She stated that she had been kidnapped from Macao about four years ago, and had recently escaped into British territory, where she made her way into Kowloon. The girl has been taken to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

## SCENES AT FIRE.

CHILDREN THROWN INTO  
STREET.

CUT OFF BY FLAMES.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
Men, women and children leaped into the street below, and several children, including a two-year-old child, were thrown into the street by their terrified parents when they were cut off by the flames of an early morning fire to-day off the North Shansi Road.

Eleven people were taken to various hospitals, and others who were injured were treated elsewhere. All the victims were Chinese. One youth is reported to be in a serious condition. The large crowd of spectators who witnessed the blaze was horrified by the scenes. — Reuter.

## PRINCE'S TOUR.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.  
The disturbances in Portugal have hitherto caused no change in the plans of the Prince of Wales' visit to Lisbon, according to Mr. Lloyd Thomas, the Prince's private secretary. — Reuter's American Service.

## U.S. MARINES MASSACRED

FIERCE BATTLE  
WITH REBELS.

CAPTAIN SHOT  
CRUISER ORDERED  
TO THE SCENE.

New York, Yesterday.  
Further details of the disturbances in Nicaragua show that three United States Marine officers and an entire patrol of native guards were wiped out yesterday in a desperate hand-to-hand encounter with insurgents near Puerto Cabezas, where the insurgents killed a number of natives employed by a steamship company. The American detachment fought the rebels until their ammunition gave out, when they were mercilessly massacred. — Relief Despatched.

Bulbao, Yesterday.  
Serious disturbances have broken out at Nicaragua. Following the killing in an encounter between native guards and in-

## OVERCAST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory, states:—

A feeble anti-cyclone is central near Shanghai and a belt of low pressure extends from N.E. China to N.E. Japan.

A depression lies over Indo-China.

Local forecast:—E. winds; moderate; generally overcast; occasional rain.

Rainfall:—Hours ended at 10 a.m. 4.1 inch. Rain-fall since January 1—1.07 inches against an average of 8.24 inches—deficit 1.17 inch.

Temperature:—The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	65
Macao	65
Pratas Island	77
Manila	76
Pochoy	58
Amoy	60
Swatow	62
Chefoo	47
Shanghai	52

surgeons of a captain of the United States Marines, the latter are beleaguered on the east coast and have urgently requested Washington to send immediate naval protection. Consequently the United States patrol boat Asheville left Cristobal with 75 Marines and reinforcements, and the light cruiser Memphis has been ordered to proceed at full speed from Guantanamo with a landing force of 250 to Puerto Cabezas, where it is unconfirmedly reported that several United States Marines have been killed in a battle with the insurgents, who captured a train. — Reuter's American Service.

## PRINCE BIBESCO.

AIRMAN ARRIVES AT  
BAGDAD.

FLIGHT TO INDIA.

Bagdad, Yesterday.  
Prince Bibesco has arrived here from Aleppo. — Reuter.



Prince Bibesco.

[Prince Bibesco, flying a Gypsy-Moth plane, is on his way to India. The machine is being piloted by the British airman, Mr. Ford.]

## LAND OF THE "FREE."

Soviet's New Decree  
for Inventors.

SEVERE PENALTIES.

Riga, Yesterday.  
Soviet citizens disposing of their inventions or technical improvements abroad without permission from the authorities will henceforth be liable to imprisonment for ten years, with the confiscation of all their property, under a decree issued by the Council of Peoples' Commissars.

The Soviet may even force inventors to hand over their inventions to the Government, the inventor to receive a document entitling him to housing and other privileges. — Reuter.

## A BAD BOY.

YOUTH'S THEFT FROM  
EUROPEAN CAR.

A CHINESE MUTE.

Difficulty in obtaining a plea from a Chinese mute was experienced in the Central Second Police Court this morning, when a youth, 17 years of age, was charged before Mr. E. Williams with the theft of a motor car, owned by Mr. W. F. Stone, Assistant Accountant of the a jack and some tools the property of the Police Department.

The mute was handed a piece of paper on which was written the charge, and, pointing to his eyes, defendant indicated with his hands that he was unable to read. Defendant's father came forward, and after explanation, the mute pleaded guilty to stealing the jack, but waved his hand in a negative manner when the tools were shown him.

Detective-Sergeant Flattery said that on April 12, defendant was arrested in Queen's Road Central near St. Francis Hotel. He was carrying a paper parcel, in which was the jack. The tools were found concealed on defendant's person.

The father:—My son also steals things from the house. He is a bad boy, and I should like your Worship to give him a long sentence so as to confine him in jail.

Sergeant Flattery remarked on the prevalence of theft from cars. The Magistrate convicted the mute on the charge of stealing the jack, and passed sentence of two months' hard labour. His Worship added that he took into consideration defendant's age.

## EXTRALITY.

OPTIMISM IN POLITICAL  
CIRCLES.

BRITISH POLICY.

Nanking, Yesterday.  
The extrality negotiations are said to have taken a more favourable turn. Political circles are most optimistic regarding the outcome.

It is officially announced that the British Minister is expected at Nanking on April 18 to conduct the final stages of the negotiations, and it is considered possible that a final British agreement may be signed at the end of the month.

Reports received from the Chinese Minister at Washington state that the final American extrality negotiations are also progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. C. T. Wang, speaking at the Government memorial meeting, expressed the hope that the extrality issue would be settled in the immediate future, and urged the Chinese people to do their utmost to give fair and equal treatment to foreign nationals upon the relinquishment by the Powers of their extrality privileges. — Reuter.

## LIBERIA MISSION.

TO INVESTIGATE YELLOW  
FEVER.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The League of Nations has decided to send a mission to Liberia to organise the public health services and investigate yellow fever.

Dr. Melville Douglas Mackenzie will lead the mission. — British Wireless Service.

## IN QUEST OF SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

Exploration of the  
Himalayas.

CENTENARIAN TRIBE.

Two explorers, Dr. Irvin Baird and Miss Jill Cossey-Batt, who sailed from Tilbury in the Ranpara for Bombay are to try to discover how we can all live to be centenarians.

They are at the beginning of a journey of 15,000 miles which will take them 13,000 feet up the slopes of the Himalayas.

They hope to re-discover a tribe of natives in a little known country on the Himalayan heights. This tribe was first discovered about ten years ago by Miss Cossey-Batt, and she then obtained reliable evidence that the people lived to the age of well over 100 years.

Dr. Irvin Baird, a tall, spare figure in khaki twill and sun helmet, said that he and his companion, who are being financed by Anglo-American friends, are anxious to obtain information about the longevity, the eating habits, and the customs of this tribe.

Chaldean Origin.

"The tribe," he said, "is of Chaldean origin, driven back from Iran, and there are about 600 people all told. We shall take the most complete camera records, and hope to bring back to Britain medical and other information which will help us to decide how this tribe is able to live so long."

"When we locate the tribe we shall pitch our tents and stay with them for at least three months."

"We have learned the Chaldean language, and have no doubt that we can make ourselves understood. We are taking with us a large quantity of beads, knives, penholders, and other trinkets which we shall barter for food and other goods."

"This is practically a vegetarian expedition. Our food for the journey is rationed out to a few ounces a day. We are going to live chiefly on raisins, honey, olive oil, currants, chocolates, and dried fruits. We are taking no meat whatever. Forty-two London firms have supplied our food and equipment. Everything has been contributed."

"We shall recruit our bearers and camp followers from the Brutenese in the various villages en route. The only firearms we are taking are two automatic pistols."

Miss Cossey-Batt, who also wore tropical costume, said she had contemplated this expedition ever since she returned from the Himalayas ten years ago.

"I have consulted everyone imaginable," she added, "and all the evidence tends to show that the expedition is well worth while. I have no doubts whatever of its ultimate value."

## INSURANCE LAW.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER  
AMENDMENT.

LIVES OF CHILDREN.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer is appointing a Committee with Sir Benjamin Cohen, K.C., (Chairman), to report on law practice relating to industrial assurance and to the assurance on the lives of children under 10 years old, including the question as to whether any amendment or addition to the law is desirable. — British Wireless Service.

## GOOD PROGRESS.

IMPROVEMENT IN KING'S  
HEALTH MAINTAINED.

London's Yesterday.  
It was officially stated to-day that H.M. the King continues to make good progress. — Reuter.

Another Royal Patient.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Princess Victoria, the King's sister, who has had a severe cold and was seen on Saturday by Sir Milson Rees, the King's Laryngologist, had to-day almost recovered. — British Wireless Service.

## BACK TO THE BOATER.

The Prince's Hat  
Starting a Boom?

WHAT IT MEANS.

The Prince of Wales wore a straw hat during his recent visit to Panama.

Within a few days the following cable from New York was received in the Daily Express office:—

"Please cable name London furnisher who supplied straw hat Wales wearing South American trip."

"This is an indication of the enormous help supplied by the Prince to British industry. Keen interest is taken abroad in every article of his wardrobe, and London business houses are inundated with orders for similar goods."

This mere casual donning of an old-fashioned "boater" means thousands of pounds in the pockets of British business.

Straws on Broadway.

What the bowler hat is in Piccadilly the straw is on Broadway.

A member of the firm who supplied the Prince's straw hats for his South American tour told a Daily Express representative that there was no doubt that the Prince's fashions were closely followed by foreigners, and helped to boom trade over here.

"We do not expect cables asking for hats like the one your Prince is wearing," he added, "but I should not be surprised if we receive large orders for straw hats very shortly."

The Prince's hat may even bring the "boater" back to fashion in Britain and revive a home sale which is practically dead at the moment.

"The great factories at Luton and St. Albans could produce all the hats necessary within a week or fifteen days," was the opinion of one of the most prominent London hatters.

Shirts, Too.

"Although the straw hat trade over here is dead at the moment, there is still a large export trade carried on with America and the Dominions."

It is not only the Prince's hats that help British trade. Large orders are expected from firms abroad desirous of copying his shirts.

"The Prince does the trade magnificent service," said his shirtmaker recently. "His sporting shirts have proved particularly popular, and we have had orders from abroad already."

The same enthusiasm was found among the haberdashers. "These trips," said one, "are probably looked forward to more by us than the people the Prince is to visit. On every occasion when he has travelled before we have reaped a harvest of foreign orders for socks, ties, and handkerchiefs."

"Large sums were being spent by America in France until the Prince's trip to the States. After that we had a large share in the trade. The Prince's trips abroad mean more to us than any advertising we could afford."

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Bowen Road (Kerbera)	297
	Feet.
Tsimshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

**COMPANY MEETINGS****HONG KONG REALTY & TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1931, until WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. F. V. RISEIRO,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1931.

**GENERAL NOTICES****CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

LIANG CHI-HAO, Managing Director, pursuant to the power vested in me under Article 5 of the Articles of Association of this Company intend to offer to the Shareholders on the register on the 20th April, 1931, the remaining 20,000 Ordinary Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each issued by the Company at par in proportion to the existing shares held by them respectively on that date.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1931.

LIANG CHI-HAO,  
Managing Director.

**SPORT NOTICES****THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 18th April, 1931, commencing at 1.30 p.m.  
The first-bell will be rung at 1 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2, including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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By Order,

C. E. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th April, 1931.

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At his home in Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, where he lives with his two sisters and a brother, I learned (writes a Daily Telegraph correspondent) the full story of the remarkable war experience of Major R. C. Campbell, of the East Surrey Regiment, which was referred to in Sir John French's "Diary" in the Daily Telegraph.

As stated by Sir John French, Major Campbell, who was wounded at Mons and taken prisoner, was granted a fortnight on parole by the ex-Kaiser in order that he might visit Britain to see his mother, who was seriously ill.

He is believed to have been the only British prisoner of war to be released on his own parole while fighting was still in progress.

Capt. Campbell (as he then was) has been told off with his company to hold a bridge at all hazards. Nearly all were shot down, and Capt. Campbell himself received four wounds.

**Petition to the Kaiser.**

Two years later, when Capt. Campbell was a prisoner in a war camp, news reached him of the serious illness of his mother, and he made the request to come home to see her before she died. The refusal was in the ordinary routine of affairs.

But he interested the German censor of prisoners' letters, a kindly man, who assured him that the only possible way would be to make a petition direct to the Kaiser. He went so far as to help him write the petition.

To Capt. Campbell's great joy it reached the Kaiser and brought permission. The prisoner was to have a fortnight's leave at home. He was, of course, to reveal no secret, that was part of his parole, and he was to return to Germany.

Once the leave was granted the Germans did their best to make matters as easy as possible. Capt. Campbell was escorted to the Dutch frontier and supplied with the necessary money to make the journey. He was in time to see his mother, and it was a great comfort to her in her last hours.

At the end of the fortnight he returned to Germany.

Later he was one of a party of fifteen war prisoners who escaped from a camp at Magdeburg by tunnelling their way out. They walked towards the North German coast hoping to get away by sea to Denmark.

Some of them were soon recaptured. Capt. Campbell was one of the two last to be seized after he had been at liberty seventeen days, hiding in ditches and where he could by day and making progress under cover of night.

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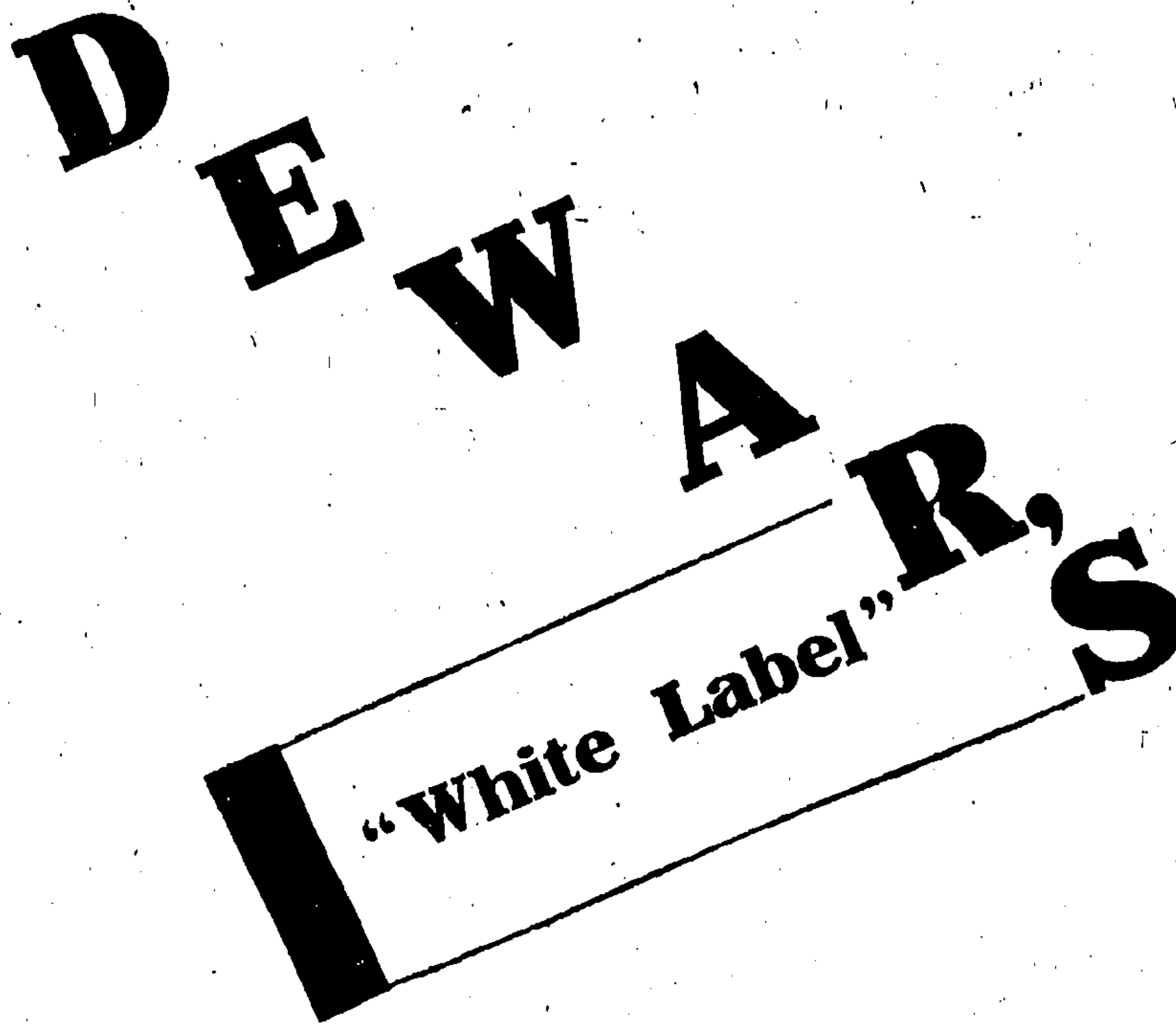
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**DANCE MANIA IN IRELAND.**

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**"SITTING-OUT" EVILS!**

The exten pastorals of the Roman Catholic hierarchy read in Ireland some time ago sternly condemn the ways of many of the young people of to-day.

Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh, said that among the young generation there is "a craze for pleasure and excitement, an impatience of parental control, and in certain districts something approaching a mania for dancing."

"The truth is," he said, "the country is still suffering from the effects of the excitement and moral laxity caused by the Great War, and intensified in the period of the 'Black and Tans,' and during the civil war.

"Add to this the distraction—not to use any stronger word—of pictures and broadcasts and the demoralising effects that must inevitably be produced by the vast quantity of printed stuff that is poured into this country every week-end.

"Even the present travelling facilities make a difference. By bicycle, motor-car, and bus, boys and girls can now travel great distances to dances, with the result that a dance in the quietest country parish may now be attended by undesirables from a distance.

"And here let me refer to what I am assured is a great and common source of evil—the parking of motor-cars close to dance halls in badly-lighted village streets or on dark country roads. Cars so placed are used, I am told, by the young people for sitting out in the intervals between the dances.

"Idleness and mischief. "I believe that those in charge of dance halls are bound, even in charity to the young people themselves, to see to it that such an occasion of sin should not be allowed. The cars ought to be parked at a considerable distance from the hall, and one or two elderly people put in charge of them, and, if necessary, paid for looking after them.

"The young generation have grown up during a period of unrest, excitement, and laxity, and they are exposed to temptations and dangers that are largely new. To make matters worse, many of them, unable to find employment, are condemned to idleness; and idleness, we all know, is a fruitful mother of mischief. The result has been, I fear, a lowering of the moral tone.

"During the last fifteen years an increased number of young girls have brought shame and ruin on themselves, and shame and sorrow on their families. It is to be feared that the traditional purity of the Irish maiden, so long her greatest charm and proudest title to fame, is seriously threatened, unless a change for the better comes soon.

"No one wants to deny the young a reasonable amount of pleasure and amusement. It does them good, and they are entitled to it, provided it be innocent. Innocent pleasure is the only pleasure that leaves no remorse behind."

The Bishop of Down and Connor, in his pastoral, says that modern civilisation has increased the opportunities of sin. Immoral papers, magazines, seductive novels, pornographic literature, and indecent pictures are emissaries of Satan—assassins sent by the devil to take the supernatural life of the soul.

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**PRESIDENT VON HINDENBURG.**

When He Nearly Resigned.

That President von Hindenburg was within an inch of resigning the Presidency last July was revealed by the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Schiele, in reply to an allusion made thereto by the German Nationalist leader, Herr Hugenberg in the Reichstag. President von Hindenburg apparently threatened if the emergency decrees enforcing the agricultural programme were to be rejected by the Reichstag that he would resign as an alternative to dissolving the Reichstag which, however, seemed at the moment a highly undesirable course.

It will be recalled that the Reichstag did reject the decrees but at the last minute it was found more expedient to dissolve Parliament than to allow President von Hindenburg to resign.

**MISS VALERIE FRENCH**

Engagement to Millionaire Peer.

The engagement between Lord Brougham and Vaux and Miss Valerie French will be announced definitely soon, says a mail week paper.

Miss French is the granddaughter of the late Earl of Ypres. Lord Brougham is one of our youngest peers, having attained his majority in October last when he inherited a fortune estimated at £1,000,000. He first met his bride-to-be at a dinner party a few months ago,

writes an Evening News correspondent.

They became friends almost immediately and have been about together a great deal ever since.

Lord Brougham was in the Scots Guards for a short time. He is hoping to enter politics and to stand for Parliament.

His estate marches with that of Lord Lonsdale in Westmoreland, and he has a house in Culrossa Street, Grosvenor Square, which is now being done up.

At the present moment he and Miss French and a party of young people are cruising in his yacht up and down the Madeira Coast. They are expected back at the end of this week.

The wedding will take place in London after a very short engagement.

The Belfast Harbour Board have decided to recommend the provision of additional concrete tracks at Donegal Quay, following the recent re-arrangement of shed accommodation.

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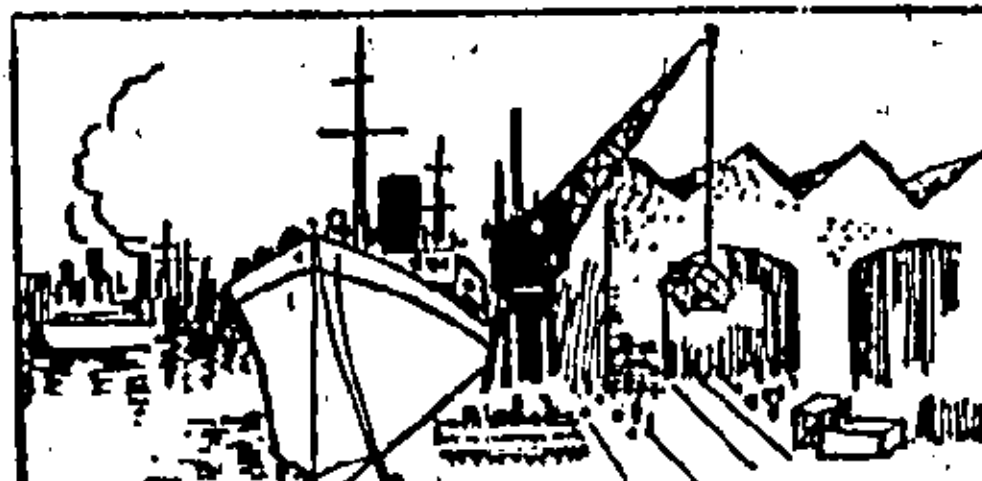
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## Shipping Intelligence.

NOBIS TUTUS IBIS.  
NAVIGATORS AND THE ROYAL NAVY.

The first navigator of whom we have any record and in whom his (or possibly her) captain apparently placed implicit trust was the dove utilised by Noah to find land. Now many an unfortunate navigator of the present day envies the unerring instinct of that bird. In this connection it is of interest to record that the early Norsemen often used birds to act as guides when out of sight of land. An Icelandic historian, in giving an account of a voyage from the Shetlands to Iceland, states that the captain, before sailing, took on board a basket of crows. When he thought he had made a considerable part of the way one crow was released which flew astern thus indicating that the ship was nearer Shetland than Iceland. After some time a second crow was sent up, but this one returned to the vessel and thus showed that no land was in the vicinity. A little later on a third crow was released which flew off ahead and, following the direction in which the bird had flown the ship arrived safely at her destination.

## Crude Instruments.

When one compares the rough and ready methods of the early explorers and the crude instruments they used with the modern methods of navigation, one is amazed at the marvellous results that they achieved; but it is undeniable that a very strong measure of good fortune accompanied their more spectacular achievements. The problem that remained unsolved until only 150 years ago centred on the determination of longitude. By means of the cross staff and astrolabe, seamen could determine their latitude with reasonable accuracy, but after a long voyage across the Atlantic their longitude might be in error to the extent of several hundreds of miles. Imagine under cover of night running blindly on to meet the land, not knowing whether it is a hundred miles away or close at hand! Not until an accurate timekeeper was produced in 1759 could the mariner guarantee his position at sea to within 30 miles.

This timekeeper was produced by John Harrison, a Yorkshire carpenter, who thereby won the Admiralty award of £20,000 to be presented to the first inventor of a method of determining ship's longitude to within 30 miles. In 1761 this timekeeper was sent for an official trial in one of H.M. ships to Jamaica and back. When the ship returned to Portsmouth after a five months' voyage, its total error was only 1 min. 53 secs., corresponding to 18 geographical miles. This chronometer is preserved in Greenwich Observatory, where it is still in running order.

## Element of Luck.

Even now, with all the aids to navigation discovered by man's scientific genius, the element of luck may play a considerable part in determining the success or otherwise of a "landfall" or carrying the ship clear of some uncharted, or maybe charted, danger. The sky might have been overcast for days and so prevented any astronomical observations, fog might have prevented any fixing from the land, unknown tidal streams might have carried the ship far from her original course, and strong winds might have made the determination of leeway only very approximate.

Every time one of H.M. ships puts to sea the navigator, metaphorically speaking, hangs his brass hat on the jack-staff, where it balances precariously and from which any error of judgment or inaccuracy may easily dislodge it. On his actions largely depend the safety of the ship and the lives of those on board, while he always flirts with his own prospects in the service to which he was committed his career.

## A True Story.

How easy in navigation is it to be inaccurate, how easy to lay a course off wrong, how easy even to alter course on the chart and neglect to see that the alteration has been made correctly by the officer of the watch. The navigator gets into the habit of checking and re-checking all his work and constantly examining the chart for some danger that might have hitherto escaped his detection. There is the true story of a squadron navigator, not so very long ago, suddenly altering the course of his squadron to avoid what he thought was a danger shown on the chart as lying across their track, and which had

previously escaped his notice. When the alteration has been duly carried out he went to the chart to examine it more closely and found the supposed danger to have been a drop of cocoa which a midshipman had thoughtlessly spilt upon his chart.

But there is another side of the navigator's work in his own professional subject. There are still parts of the world where only very approximate surveys have been carried out, there are countless coasts off which the shoals and reefs have altered since they were last charted, and so offer considerable danger to shipping; there are sharp rocks that have escaped the surveyor's lead, there are magnetic disturbances hitherto undetected, which affected the compasses, there are new objects erected near the coast that, if fixed, would render navigation in the vicinity both safer and simpler, and there are many other amendments to be made to the existing charts that would be of mutual benefit to all seafarers. All these the navigator endeavours to remedy and forwards to the Hydrographic Office the results of all his observations.

## An Impossibility.

The hydrographic department of the Admiralty is looked upon as the foremost authority in the world on all matters connected with the delineation of the navigable waters of the earth, but it is nevertheless a manifest impossibility to have a surveying service large enough to keep up-to-date all the existing charts.

To those unconnected with the naval service it is often a wonder why the British Admiralty should regard navigation as a specialist branch, whereas in many other services this is not the case. With the modern navigational appliances, they argue, it should not be difficult for any seaman to get in reasonable safety from one place to another. That may be so, but it is only a constant study of the subject and continual experience that will enable him to do so with the maximum efficiency. A Jack of all trades is master of none. Apart from this, the navigator is an expert in all subjects connected with navigation, the most important of which is the handling of ships and squadrons in which he makes a special study, and is therefore the captain's right hand man.

## Local Diplomacy.

As a rule it is unnecessary for H.M. ships to embark a pilot when entering or leaving harbour. When they do so it is generally only to conform with local susceptibilities or as a matter of diplomacy. Even then the navigator's responsibility is not abrogated, for it is his duty to watch the pilot carefully and report to his captain if he considers the pilot to be in any way inefficient. If the pilot runs the ship aground, the navigator shares a large proportion of the blame. Invidious situations have often arisen in this respect. The Vindictive placed herself alongside the mole at Zeebrugge after dark and with no shore lights to guide the navigator to whom the harbour was unknown. When the ship returned to Dover a pilot had to be embarked to bring the ship into that well-known harbour in broad daylight.

The Navigation School at Portsmouth has seen the rise and was itself the nucleus of all that we now mean by naval education. It was first built in 1729 as an optional house of learning and an alternative method by which a boy might enter the Royal Navy. In it, we are told, mathematics, French, drawing, fencing and dancing were taught, and the building went by the name of the Royal Naval Academy, but in 1806 it petered out due to its scheme of instruction being optional and irregular. Two years later, however, it opened again as the Royal Naval College, and in 1816 the School of Naval Architecture was incorporated in it. But in 1836 the exponents of the idea that the cockpit of a man-of-war was the best school for naval education succeeded in having the building closed.

## Introduction of Steam.

The introduction of steam, however, opened up a vista of infinite possibilities and infinite naval requirements far above and beyond anything yet conceived. So, in 1839, the old college again took up its pioneering work as the precursor of Greenwich and the other technical schools, and was commanded by the captain of the Excellent. This state of affairs continued until 1903, when the captain of the Excellent retired to Whale Island, and three years later the building de-

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## TO BE SCRAPPED AFTER SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

The scrapping of the Greek steamer, India, in Holland is one which is of particular interest to a generation which remembers the efforts made in the 'nineties to secure strength and economy in tramp steamers.

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She had a gross tonnage of 2,639, triple-expansion engines by Messrs. Blair and Co., giving a speed of about 10 knots, and a deadweight capacity of 4,120. Messrs. R. Ropner and Co., Ltd., were owners, and on the usual tramping round she proved herself both economical and efficient.

The Government employed her from the end of 1916 until after the Armistice on various duties, her only real mishap being a collision in the Bay of Biscay with the Spanish steamer Ramon Mumbro, which was subsequently found solely to blame. After the Armistice she was sold to the Bland Line, of Gibraltar, and she was re-sold in 1925 to Greek owners, who re-named her India. They have employed her tramping, and immediately before she went to the scrappers in Holland she had brought a cargo from Alexandria to Avonmouth.

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voted itself almost entirely to the study and science of navigation.

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In conclusion, navigation is the foundation stone upon which the science of naval warfare has been built throughout the centuries, and so long as the Navy consists of vessels which move on, above or below the water, it must continue to remain so. G. S. in The Navy.

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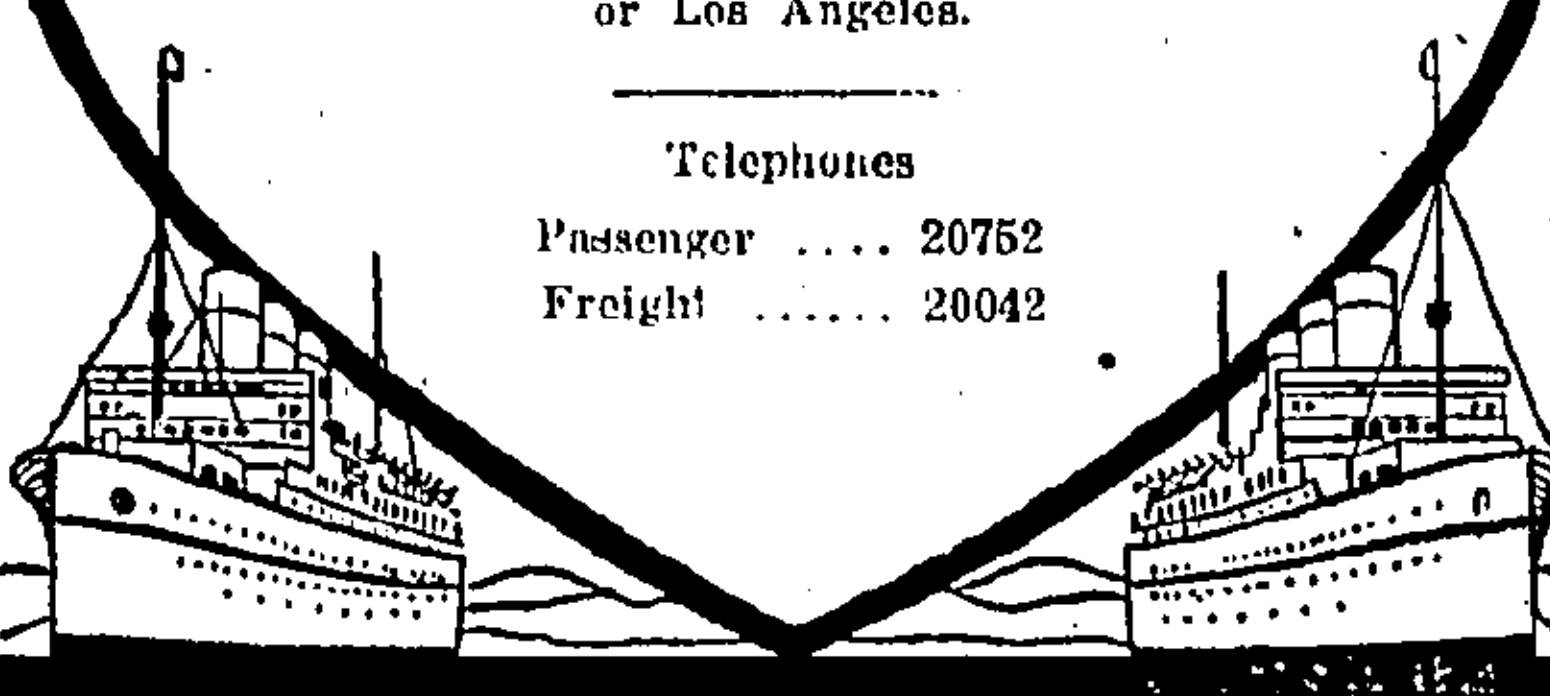
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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY  
DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.  
(Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

S.S.	Tons.	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
RAJPUTANA	15,568	1931. 25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*ESOUAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KIDDERPORE	5,331	5th May	Mars., Ldon, Hull, Rdam & A'werp.
*KALYAN	15,111	9th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*COMORIN	15,111	23rd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*BURDWAN	—	30th May	Mars., Ldon, Hull, Rdam & A'werp.
*KASHMIR	9,985	6th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*RANPURA	16,501	20th June	Marseilles, Ldon, Hull, Rdam & A'werp.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,018	25th July	Marseilles, Ldon, Hull, Rdam & A'werp.
*KHAYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SOMALI	—	8th Aug.	Mars., Ldon, Hull, Rdam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	15,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*ESOUAN	—	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
*KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles & London.

\*Cargo only. †Cable Call. ‡Cable Karachi.  
Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to  
Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the  
Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TALMA	10,000	18th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,919	3rd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIDIANA	7,715	10th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	27th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

B.I. Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st  
and 2nd class passengers. All steamers are fitted with wireless and  
carry a qualified surgeon.

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

NETLORE	6,853	1st May	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
TANDA	6,956	3rd May	& Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,504	1st July	

Regular monthly sailings from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan  
and Hong Kong to Australia.

Hong Kong to Sydney—19 days.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—

The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New

Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London and

The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via Suez.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and

London via Panama Canal.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

*BURDWAN	—	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SHIDIANA	7,715	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*COMORIN	15,111	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TILAWA	10,000	8th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KASHMIR	9,985	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHGAR	9,005	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*RANPURA	16,501	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SANTHIA	16,619	24th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KASHGAR	9,005	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*NETLORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*RAJPUTANA	15,568	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NANKIN	7,058	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passengers for Bangkok must defray their own Hotel expenses at

Singapore while awaiting the on-carrying steamer.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.

Parcels measuring not more than 2½ ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received

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P. & O. Building, Connaught Rd. C., Hong Kong. Agents.

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### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS,  
LIMITED.

From MIDDLESBRO',  
SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON and  
STRAITS.

The Steamship  
"BENGLOE"

Consignees of cargo are hereby in-  
formed that all goods are being land-  
ed at their risk into the Godowns of  
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of  
The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Co., Ltd., whence and to the  
wharves delivery may be obtained.  
No claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
goods remaining undelivered after the  
15th instant will be subject to rent.  
All claims against the steamer must  
be presented to the Underwriters on or  
before the 1st May, 1931, or they will  
not be recognised.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,  
where they will be examined on the  
15th instant, at 6 a.m., by Messrs.  
Goddard & Douglas.  
No Fire Insurance has been effect-  
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Bills of Lading will be countersign-  
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
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Hong Kong, 10th April, 1931.

LOYD TRIESTINO NAV. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From TRIESTE & PORTS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-  
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The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and  
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Optional Cargo will not be landed  
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### NO INDISPENSABLES.

In civic life it was proven during the Great War that no man is indispensable. Thus was the "guid' conceit" of many of themselves rudely shattered. Some fresh shattering force is required in our civic life in this Colony to-day. The discussion on the Volunteer Corps alone demonstrates that many young men are shirking their duties to the community. All that worries them is the shortest cut to sport and pleasure — the minimum of work for the best possible salary. They indulge in a hobby, and they ride it to death at the expense of business efficiency. Their work is scamped and a handicap to their employers. And the mercantile interests of the whole Colony suffer ultimately and inevitably. The call to public service of any kind falls on deaf ears. They come, they exist, and they leave us as mere nentites and nothing more.

Generals may wax eloquent on the communal and individual advantages of Volunteering, but office staffs refuse to be coaxed or cajoled. A plea may be made to further rifle shooting, but once again personal inclinations come first and the number of skilled marksmen remains disgracefully small. The St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Boy Scouts, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Society for the Protection of Children may require helpers in the good cause, but find that they have to carry on with the usual handful — for the young men who have the time and have the vitality are far too

engrossed in personal hobbies and amusements to take a hand in anything appertaining to the welfare of other people.

Now and again we do witness a youth enrolling in the Volunteers or the Police Reserve, but his enthusiasm — if ever it could be called by such — is evanescent and evaporates quicker than it came on the plea of it being "too much beastly fog." They are indispensable in their own little niche and really cannot be spared for causes outside their own petty personal inclinations. They become self-centred, and they remain self-centred. Let "the other fellow" join the Volunteers. Let "the other fellow" qualify for the interport rifle shoot. Let "the other fellow" help the Ambulance Brigade or the Boy Scouts. That is their affair! Sufficient for the day is the shirking of civic duty or the pursuing of a personal hobby thereof. If certain folk care to court the limelight, let them do so! The Government cannot fall. Public bodies will still exist. Why worry so long as the minimum of work is done with the minimum of effort? There are always some "fools" ready to "hold the baby."

It may be — or, it may not be — that we have in part anticipated some of the Rev. E. G. Powell's observations on "Community Service" at the Rotary Club meeting to-day. Of that we have no intention. Nor can we possibly "steal his thunder" without knowing beforehand what he is going to say. It is safe to presume that he will treat his subject purely from the viewpoint of a Rotarian. But can Rotary of itself assist the self-conscious, self-centred young man to come forward and "do his stuff" by the community in which he resides, by the office from which he draws his monthly salary, to the flag that daily gives him protection? Can Rotary of itself convert laggards and malingers as regards public service into zealots and enthusiasts? Can Rotary of itself create a more favourable atmosphere toward joining the Volunteers, toward helping the Ambulance Brigade, toward joining in the various public movements for the betterment and uplift of the Colony as a whole? Can Rotary teach the youthful braggadocio that he cannot live unto himself, employing his own and his master's time in pursuits of a purely personal character, without that, even in some indirect way, damaging the welfare of the whole Colony?

### News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 64 degrees. The humidity was 95 at 10 a.m. and 94 at 4 p.m.

A concert and dance in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, St. Joseph's College Division will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Mr. B. G. Birch will address the University Arts Association on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. on "Some Notes on Histories and Historians" in the Union Assembly Hall of the University. All interested are cordially invited.

A black mongrel dog, owned by a foreman of the P.W.D. at Kowloon Waterworks, was sent to Ma Tau Kok for observation yesterday, after it had bitten Mrs. G. W. Kynoch, who was later treated in the Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese woman who was banished for five years in 1930 was found wandering in Kowloon, 18 months after her banishment. In the Kowloon Police Court this morning sentence of six months' imprisonment was imposed.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Lam Yee, an unemployed Chinese, was sent to jail for six weeks for stealing twenty cabbies of tobacco, the property of Ip Tung, from a vacant plot of ground near Shamshuiipo Market.

Lam Tsai, a Chinese, appeared in the Kowloon Police Court this morning charged with stealing a brass water tap and a length of piping from the Tung Nam matshed in Prince Edward Road. He pleaded "guilty" and was sent to jail for one month.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, in the Kowloon Police Court, yesterday, reserved judgment till this afternoon, in the case against Wang Chao-chi, a Chinese constable, who is charged with entering an opium den at 103, Yee Kuk Street, demanding a bribe of 70 cents, and assaulting Li Au.

Accidentally falling from the roof of a house in the course of construction in Lockhart Road, Wanchai, a female earth coolie named Mak Yee (26), living at 344 Portland Street, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her leg and forehead. Her condition is serious.

For the larceny of 20 lb of soldering lead, the property of the P.W.D., an unemployed Chinese was fined \$50, or in default one month's jail, by Mr. E. H. Williams this morning. Sub-Ins. Langley stated that the lead was stolen from the University football ground, where the P.W.D. were engaged in laying pipes. Defendant worked on a site near by and was known to the P.W.D. foreman.

At the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Hong Kong Auxiliary) yesterday afternoon, the following Committee was elected for 1931: The clergy and ministers of contributing churches, Naval and Military Chaplains serving in Hong Kong, a representative of the Y.M.C.A., three representatives of the Hong Kong and South China Bible Society, lady collectors appointed by the churches; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. J. H. Montgomery and the Hon. Secretary, Rev. Frank Short. Mr. J. L. MacPherson was elected Vice-President.

Before leaving for the North for the summer the Chief and Petty Officers of H.M.S. Cumberland held their farewell dance in the Garrison Lecture Hall, Wellington Barracks, last night. Among those present were Captain L. F. Potter, Captain of H.M.S. Cumberland, and Col. E. A. Lang, R.A.P.C. The popular "Cumberland Revellers" supplied the music, and judging by the fine reception of their numbers there will be a general regret that they will not be heard again this season. Credit for the arrangements, which were carried through without a hitch, is due to Petty Officer Rush, and his energetic committee.

### DISMANTLING A LINER.

Work Started On Empress Of Scotland.

The Empress of Scotland, which caught fire and burned for three days at Blyth breaking-up yard of Messrs. Hughes, Bolckow, Ltd., is being dismantled. The vessel is still resting in the bed of the river, and in a few weeks' time the demolition will have to be suspended until she is refloated. This may prove a difficult task, and until it is done, it will not be known how much work will be provided. The dismantling may take about a year.

### COMIC SYMBOL OF WISDOM.

Clown of the Feathered World.

#### THE LITTLE OWL.

It seems strange that the little owl, clown of the feathered world, grotesque in its actions and ludicrous in expression, should be the species above all others which was held sacred to Pallas Athena, goddess of wisdom, of the arts, of science, and of war.

Certainly we poor mortals find laughter irresistible when we behold the bird of wisdom in fluffy mottled dress, with big and flattened head, immense lustrous lemon-coloured eyes, shining like beacons, yet comical in expression; bobbing up and down like a "Jack-in-the-box," shooting up so as to appear three times its natural length, and shutting up again like a telescope; and accompanying these movements by light rapid jogs and twists of its head, through every conceivable angle.

Yet surely (writes Professor C. J. Patten in a Home paper) the goddess must have been enchanted, for the little owl with all its grotesqueness possesses many and varied charms of its own. Its dress is particularly pleasing both in shade and pattern. Above, the ground colour is rich sepia, stencilled on the head in broken lines and narrow "drops" of pure white. On the back and wings the markings are bolder, resembling snow-flakes.

#### Lovely Eyes.

Four pale buff bars cross the tail. Below, the pattern is reversed: the ground colour is shaded in ivory-white and cream, neatly spotted and streaked with sepia. The plumage, compared with that of other brown owls, is distinctive; the shades are aesthetically, the pattern clearly defined.

We are fascinated by a pair of lovely large, lemon-coloured eyes, clear as crystal, penetrating, yet readily softened in expression by kindness. For the little owl, full of affection, gentleness, and docility, makes a delightful house pet.

When caressed, its eyes, peering dreamily into space, grow more and more limpid. But immediately the bird of wisdom is put on its perch, sentimental looks vanish; the comic element sets in, and no matter what may be our mood, we cannot repress a laugh.

In Spring it is incumbent to keep the male some distance from the house. Day and night he becomes markedly loquacious, pouring forth an exasperating monotonous cry, syllabled quo-quo-quo-quo.

#### Intrepid Hunter.

In the wild, this diminutive bird of prey exhibits some charming features. It hunts to a large extent in daylight. In the Spring, when busily catering for four or five youngsters, its rapine and temerity are often remarkable. The nestlings receive large supplies of food during the day.

I have dropped across one or both parents in full sunlight, casting about on the wing for beetles and other insects, which were frequently snatched off the ground. I have also watched at noonday the beautifully buoyant, undulating flight of the intrepid hunter who, calculating to a nicety, surprises and captures a blackbird or thrush on the wing at very close range.

In sequestered spots, small birds are usually taken unawares on the ground. In the open, the little owl runs a considerable chance of being foiled in the chase. I have seen a skylark shoot up from a meadow and, with inappreciable handicap, make so steep and rapid an ascent that the pursuer was left far below. The race was soon relinquished. The young are fed largely on mice, voles, small rats, various insects (notably beetles), earthworms, birds less frequently, and exceptionally on very young rabbits. With such variety of quarry obtainable during daylight, it is easy to comprehend why slumbering birds are not snatched from their roosting-places so frequently as they are in Winter.

#### The Capture.

I have noticed the little owl lurking about rabbit-warrens, especially those situated in embankments, overhung by exposed gnarled roots, boulders, and rough caked soil, which, with bracken and other undergrowth, help to screen the sun's rays. It is not always easy to determine the distance that the little owl penetrates into the burrow. On the least suspicion of danger the hunter speedily makes an exit, and it seems most likely that the baby rabbit is captured at the entrance.

A short time ago I surprised a little owl at very close range in a field surrounded by high banks. The quaint captor stood over its prostrate prey, staring at me for a moment. Then it rose, and, holding on tenaciously to its booty, it headed in a "bee-line" for a rabbit-hole, down which it instantly disappeared.

In this case it descended beyond arm's reach. The quarry was a very early infant rabbit, albeit a hefty load for a miniature bird of prey to bear away, even for a short distance.

In spite of the rapacious character of the little owl there is much to be made out on the credit side. The percentage of birds, especially game, taken by owls is quite low. The little owl, notwithstanding its wide choice of quarry, performs an incalculable service, in conjunction with its larger congeners in demolishing hosts of cockchafer and other insect pests.

Voices may increase until they become a veritable plague. Owls, if not persecuted, help to ease the situation, and the tiller of the soil reaps the benefit. Obviously it is an extremely short-sighted policy to lessen the numbers of these active hunters. Their active and habitual destruction of harmful insects and rodents more than compensates for their occasional attention to young game or to small birds useful to the agriculturist.

### BERLIN BARNUM.

CIRCUS OWNER'S BID TO BECOME LORD MAYOR.

The appointment of a new Chief Burgomaster of Berlin has led to an interesting application for this very responsible post. It comes from Herr Stosch-Sarrasani, owner and director of a well-known German circus.

Some weeks ago, when the application was first made, it was regarded rather as a good joke, with the object of securing advertisement. But, with the date of nomination approaching, Herr Stosch-Sarrasani has repeated his application with extreme gravity. He declares that he is not in need of advertisement, and says that people do not seem to realise the qualifications necessary to become a good circus manager, emphasising his point with the remark: "It is easier for a circus director to become a Chief Burgomaster than for a Chief Burgomaster to become a circus director."

In further support of his claim Herr Stosch-Sarrasani recalls the names of former circus celebrities who have become municipal officials, notably the famous Barnum, who became Mayor of Bridgeport. He gives many reasons for this, pointing out that if one can successfully manage as many animals, clowns, and freaks as he has done, one should not find it difficult to guide the various factors in Berlin municipal politics.

In more serious vein the circus owner relates how he has three times pulled his circus organization together when it was passing through difficult days, which encourages him in the belief that he is the man to pull Berlin together in its rather difficult days. His qualities as a business man, and as a showman, are peculiarly fitting for the job.

Herr Stosch-Sarrasani's application is now being seriously entertained.

### TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG RAJA

The minor Raja of Partapur was killed recently in tragic circumstances.

The former Raja of Partapur (reputedly a direct descendant of Rajah Prithviraj, who was one of the foremost Hindu kings opposing the original Muslim invasions of Northern India), died seven years ago without leaving male issue.

His widow adopted a son who, however, was allowed to live with his father.

Recently the Court of Wards, who looked after the minor's estate, decided to send the boy either to Lucknow or Ajmer for his education.

This decision was disliked by the boy's father, who is reported to have killed the minor Raja in a frenzy and later committed suicide.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of April 14, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/ 6½.

A fire which broke out in Wiseman's bakery in Wanchai in the early hours of yesterday morning, caused damage to the extent of \$500. The Fire Brigade were early on the scene and promptly played hoses on the fast spreading flames. After a strenuous struggle they succeeded in putting out the flames and saved the building from total destruction. A number of workmen were on the premises at the time of the outbreak, but managed to escape as soon as the alarm was given. The cause of the outbreak is thought to be the ignition of a bundle of dry wood by a spark from the oven. The building is insured for \$33,000.



## K. R. A.

FAREWELL TO REV. J. H. JOHNSTON.

## PLEASING PRESENTATION.

There was a representative gathering of members of the Kowloon Residents' Association in St. Andrew's Church Hall last night when a farewell presentation was made to the Rev. J. H. Johnston, a past President of the Association, on his impending departure from the Colony.

## A Sad Business.

The President, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, addressing the gathering said: "Except at our annual meetings it is rarely that we have any occasion to call together the members of the Kowloon Residents' Association but the committee have felt that we should ask you to gather here this evening to do honour to one who has served the Association well and who is shortly about to leave us. To say 'Good-bye' is a sad business but in this Colony of Hong Kong, I am afraid, men come and men go. I am not going to detain you very long this evening as we fortunately have a colleague in Mr. Cock, who is one of the oldest past presidents of the Association, to speak on our behalf."

Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., in making the presentation of a Chinese ivory chess set, on behalf of the members, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Reverend Sir, — The President has deputed to me the honour of addressing you to-night on behalf of the K.R.A."

Your calling brings you mostly into touch with our spiritual interests but by your work on this important Committee you have looked after the more material side of our aspirations and existences.

## Aye Ready.

You have always been ready and willing to respond to any calls for help or consolation and



Do you think we could live on ten pounds a week if we were married?"

"Yes, Jack, for a week, but no longer."—*Bulletin, Sydney.*

though you are comparatively a short sojourner in this great little Colony you will leave your mark in the handsome church which has been erected under your direction.

With us you will leave in our minds a pleasant memory, in our meetings and in our hearts a void.

For two years you have been our President and have led our debates and discussions with tact, wisdom and dignity, and it is for this we are honouring you now.

My all too brief expression of our appreciation supplements this modest gift of chessmen.

On the board is, in a sense, reproduced the game of life, the tangles and complexities are like ours, each man while appearing to stand alone on his appointed square depends on the support of his side and that support must be loyal, correct and prompt if that game is to be won. The pawn has his place as well as the bishops. To-night is the bishop's move, your move, with which we are particularly concerned and we are united in wishing you and yours, success, health and happiness in your new square. (Applause).

**Trying Circumstances.** Accepting the gift the Rev. Horace Johnston said that although the circumstances were very trying he would endeavour to respond to the very kind words spoken by Mr. Cock and to thank the Association for the very handsome present.

The speaker referred to his seven years' residence in Kowloon and spoke of the changes he had seen during that time—the going up of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., then of the Peninsula Hotel and then a tide of modern architecture. He recalled going with the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher up the hill on which now stands the Kowloon Hospital. The Hon. Mr. Fletcher at that time pointed to a vacant site, which is now Kowloon Tong.

Regarding the K.R.A., the speaker said that in his second year here he was elected on the committee. That surprised him and he was again surprised when the following year he was asked to step up to the chair. When he was nominated a second time

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

"REMOTE CONTROL" WITH W. HAINES.

## A MASTER-CROOK.

A clever story of a master-crook who directs the activities of a gang of bank robbers by giving out clues in nightly radio talks, forms the idea behind William Haines' newest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkie, "Remote Control," now showing in the Queen's Theatre. Haines has one of his most interesting roles to date as manager of the broadcast station who becomes implicated in the robberies but manages to prove his innocence by tracking down the real crooks. Combined with the high tension mystery is a huge fund of typical Haines comedy, one scene being particularly riotous, in which the comedian imitates a number of well known radio stars.

Polly Moran, in the guise of an adviser to beauty seeking flappers, adds to the hilarity, while equally good performances are offered by Mary Moran in the feminine lead; Charlie King, who sings the picture's song hit, "Just a Little Closer"; John Miljan, as the "bad man"; J. C. Nugent, Edward Nugent, Wilbur Mack, James Donlan, Edward Brophy, Warner P. Richmond and Russell Hopton. But the leading honours must go to Haines, whose splendid handling of both the comedy and dramatic angles of his part marks another high spot in his kinkie career.

## "STRICTLY UNCONVENTIONAL."

"Strictly Unconventional," W. Somerset Maugham's brilliant comedy of marriage and morals which is showing at the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, was adapted from his play, "The Circle," which was one of the most widely distributed plays in the history of the drama. Its clever dialogue has been translated into over 20 languages and dialects, and it has been played in more than 40 countries. Its American stage success with the late John Drew and Mrs. Leslie Carter is well known. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer gave the direction of this comedy to David Burton. The cast includes Lewis Stone, Catherine Dale Owen, Ernest Torrence, Allison Skipworth, Tyrrell Davis, Mary Forbes and Paul Cavanagh, a newcomer from Britain.

## "WHOOPEE."

To be the most beautiful blonde in Hollywood is a good deal of a distinction in a town where blondes are as common and as beautiful as they are scarce and homely in less fortunate places. Yet that is the title bestowed by Artist Henry Clive on Muriel Finley, glorified Ziegfeld show-girl, in "Whoopie," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical sensation, starring Eddie Cantor, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Clive selected Miss Finley after a six months' search through Hollywood which he figured to be the place where beauty was best and most abundant. Immediately he chose her, Florenz Ziegfeld gave her a contract to appear in the stage version of "Whoopie," then running at the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York.

he was astonished, and "now I am dumbfounded at this honour," he added.

**Presidential Leanings.** As President he had enjoyed himself quite a lot and the work had been quite delightful. "In Hong Kong, I find that the Presidents of Clubs and Societies think it is their duty to dominate the meeting. They often make motions from the chair and feel they are called upon to regulate the whole policy of the Club. I don't say that is always the case, but I have seen something of the kind," said the speaker. "At Home the chairman's model is the Speaker of the House of Commons, a man who has no voice except to utter what he perceives to be the mind of the House. The ideal chairman is one who is able to focus his thoughts on the group of persons upon the issue in question and as he listens to their deliberations he senses what is the feeling of the meeting and then he assists in the process of crystallising the sentiments into a phrase." Mr. Johnston said that misunderstanding and sharp division of opinions were simply the result of two persons seeing a thing from a different angle.

In conclusion, the speaker said that the gift was particularly apt as it would remind him of the fact that he was one of the three founders of the Kowloon Chess Club, from which institution he carried away a small silver cup as one of the souvenirs which he had won. (Applause).

## HEIR-PRETENDER.

NEW DAY FOR FRENCH ROYALTY.

## WEDDING IN PALERMO.

Paris, April 7.

French royalists see the dawn of a new day, bringing health and vigour to the House of Bourbon-Orleans, in to-morrow's marriage, at Palermo, of Prince Henri, Count de Paris, and his distant cousin, Princess Isabella d'Orleans-Bragance.

Prince Henri, who will celebrate his 23rd birthday on July 5, is the heir-pretender to the throne of France. Tall, handsome, with the blue eyes and flaxen hair of the Orleans family, Prince Henri is the favourite of French royalists. His father, the Duc de Guise, is the actual pretender to the throne.

Princess Isabella, 20 years old, is the daughter of Prince and Princess Pierre d'Alcantara. The Prince, who was born at Petropolis, near Rio de Janeiro, renounced his pretensions to the Brazilian throne in favour of his brother, Prince Louis, at Cannes in 1908. Princess Isabella is thus the direct descendant of Dom Pedro of Brazil.

French Royalists believe to-morrow's marriage of these two young descendants of King Louis Philippe and King Louis XV will unite the party as it has never been united since the establishment of the Third Republic. Prince Henri, who like his father is exiled from France, has completed his studies and is now preparing himself for his royal duties if ever called to the French throne.

To-morrow's ceremony will be held in the strictest privacy at the Palais d'Orleans at Palermo in the presence of the Duc and Duchess of Guise and immediate members of the two families. Only leading members of the Royalist movement have been invited to attend. After the wedding, the young royal couple will return to Brussels where Prince Henri will continue his military studies.

French instructors of military tactics and international law and government are constantly in attendance upon the Prince at the family home near Brussels. The Prince spends 6 hours of every day in study, the remainder in hunting and horseback riding.

French royalists were allowed to present their felicitations to the young bride at a recent reception in Paris over which the Duchess of Guise and the Prince and Princess Pierre d'Orleans-Bragance presided. Thousands of royalists, many of whom had come to Paris from the provinces especially for the ceremony, filed past the young couple and pledged themselves to serve, honour and obey the Prince and Princess.—United Press.

## STOP PRESS

Madrid, Yesterday. The Capital is sleepless and excited. Night revellers are dancing and singing, accepting as gospel (in spite of a Ministerial denial) the report that the King Alfonso has already abdicated and actually left the Palace.

Crowds assembled outside the heavily guarded Palace, unsuccessfully seeking to glean the truth from shadows crossing the blinds. The fact that the Police are frequently fraternising with the revellers explains the virtual absence of collisions, though the Police fired on a crowd of Republicans outside the Republican newspaper offices and wounded five persons.—Reuter.

It is reliably learned that there are three changes in the new Cabinet. Mr. Ugaki, Minister of War, Mr. Tawara, Minister of Commerce, and Mr. Matsuda, Overseas Minister, are retiring and will be replaced by Messrs. Jiro Mami, Kikuchi Tanomogi, and Yukio Sakuruchi, but there will possibly be some reshuffling of portfolios.—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday. The International Conference of Sugar Exporters has passed a resolution, firstly, for automatic release of 225,000 tons of sugar if the price reached two cents F.O.B. Cuba; secondly, the optional release of two-and-a-half per cent. at two-and-a-quarter cents; thirdly, the compulsory release of 225,000 or 112,500 tons at two-and-a-half cents, depending on whether the quota of two-and-a-half per cent. has been released at two-and-a-quarter cents.—Reuter.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre; "Follow Through."  
To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Remote Control."  
To-day — Central Theatre; "Morocco."  
To-day — Majestic Theatre; "To-day — The Guard."  
To-day — Star Theatre; "Four Devils."  
To-day — World Theatre; "On Your Back."

Home Mails.  
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 10.30 a.m.  
Thursday—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Harung Maru).

Meetings.  
To-day—Sanitary Board, 4.15 p.m.  
Thursday—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., 11.30 a.m.  
April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.  
To-day—Concert, Cheero Club, 8 p.m.  
Sports.  
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

## ECHO OF FLIGHT TO INDIA.

## Claim Against a Pilot Who Did Not Go.

A dispute between two famous airmen in connection with the Duchess of Bedford's flight to India had its sequel in the King's Bench Division on March 11, when Captain Barnard sued for the recovery of £200, which he alleged he lent to Mr. Robert Henry McIntosh.

The defendant admitted the payments, but contended that they were made on behalf of the Duchess, under an agreement between the Duchess and him (Mr. McIntosh). The defendant alleged that he was approached by Captain Barnard to join as a pilot on a long-distance flight in which the Duchess would be a passenger. Captain Barnard in December, 1927, made an agreement, on behalf of the Duchess, whereby Mr. McIntosh was to receive £15 a month and expenses until the flight to India began. Mr. McIntosh went to Holland, Poland and Germany to make arrangements, but was suddenly informed, in May 1928, that his services were not required. Mr. McIntosh claimed £177 on account of expenses and salary. He did not repay the balance of the £200, as he had a claim against the Duchess for an alleged breach of contract and wrongful dismissal.

£1,500 Gift.  
Capt. Barnard, giving evidence, said that Mr. McIntosh did not go as a co-pilot, because he was unable to see Mr. McIntosh after giving him £50 in April, 1928 and he (Captain Barnard) had to obtain another co-pilot. The Duchess presented him with £1,500, a personal gift to help in financing the flight to India. Mr. McIntosh was employed by him and not by the Duchess and the amount was purely a personal loan. Mr. Justice Mackinnon said that he was satisfied that Captain Barnard's version of the arrangement was correct, and he entered judgment for Captain Barnard for £200, with costs.

## PRAYED FOR DEATH.

## WHEN MASEFIELD WAS HUNGRY.

How the Poet Laureate, hungry and penniless, prayed for death is told by Sir William Rothenstein, the artist, in his book of reminiscences, "Men and Memories."

Thirty years ago Sir William met Mr. Masefield, a quiet, unknown youth, at a friend's house in London. After supper "the stranger seated himself on the floor, and we sat round while he told us tales of adventure—how he and a few rhapsomates had fared in South America, where they nearly starved."

"Once, during a storm, they had fixed their jack-knives in their caps, hoping the lightning might strike them and put an end to their misery; so wretched they were."

"Men and Memories, which is certain to be one of the literary sensations of the season, is full of good yarns, about the famous figures Sir William has met and known."

He tells, for instance, how Mr. Walter Sickert, the painter, wishing to honour Ellen Terry, bought a bouquet of roses, loaded the end

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City and Hill District.	1931
Tytam Byewash	14' 7" B 26' 11" B
Tytam Intermediate	22' 6" B 25' 1" B
Tytam Intermediate	55' 7" B 35' 0" B
Tytam Tuk	33' 5" B 42' 10" B
Wong Nei Chung	26' 2" B 26' 10" B
Pokfulam	17' 7" B 22' 7" B
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow". L denotes "Level with Overflow".]	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	

	1930	1931
Tytam Byewash	272.35	193.50
Tytam Intermediate	1.67	.68
Tytam Intermediate	14.50	52.70
Tytam Tuk	437.60	532.50
Wong Nei Chung	5.98	5.07
Pokfulam	29.00	19.65

Total ..... 761.10 854.40

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1930	1931
Consumption	216.01	257.13
Estimated population	441,100	461,480
Consumption per head per day	15.8	18.4
March, 1930.—From March 1 to 31, a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts (Principal Mains closed, 6 p.m.—6 a.m.).		
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	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	5' 0" B 23' 8" B	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	8' 0" B 6' 0" B	
Reception Reservoir	L 13' 9" B	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	302.40	164.90
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Reception Reservoir	33.15	2.27

Total ..... 421.45 260.17

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1930	1931
Consumption	114.80	139.54
Estimated population	174,520	179,500
Consumption per head per day	21.2	25.1
Constant supply in all districts during February, 1930 and 1931.		
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with lead and hung it at the stage from the gallery.

"It fell with a violent thud, narrowly missing Irving, surprised and indignant at this outrage. A loud 'Ha Ha' rang through the house. Whistler (the artist) had observed the scene."

Once when Sir Augustus John was staying with the Rothensteins in France, "he suddenly leapt into a bucket that was wound to the top of a very deep well. He went down with a rush. It was all he could do to haul him up again."

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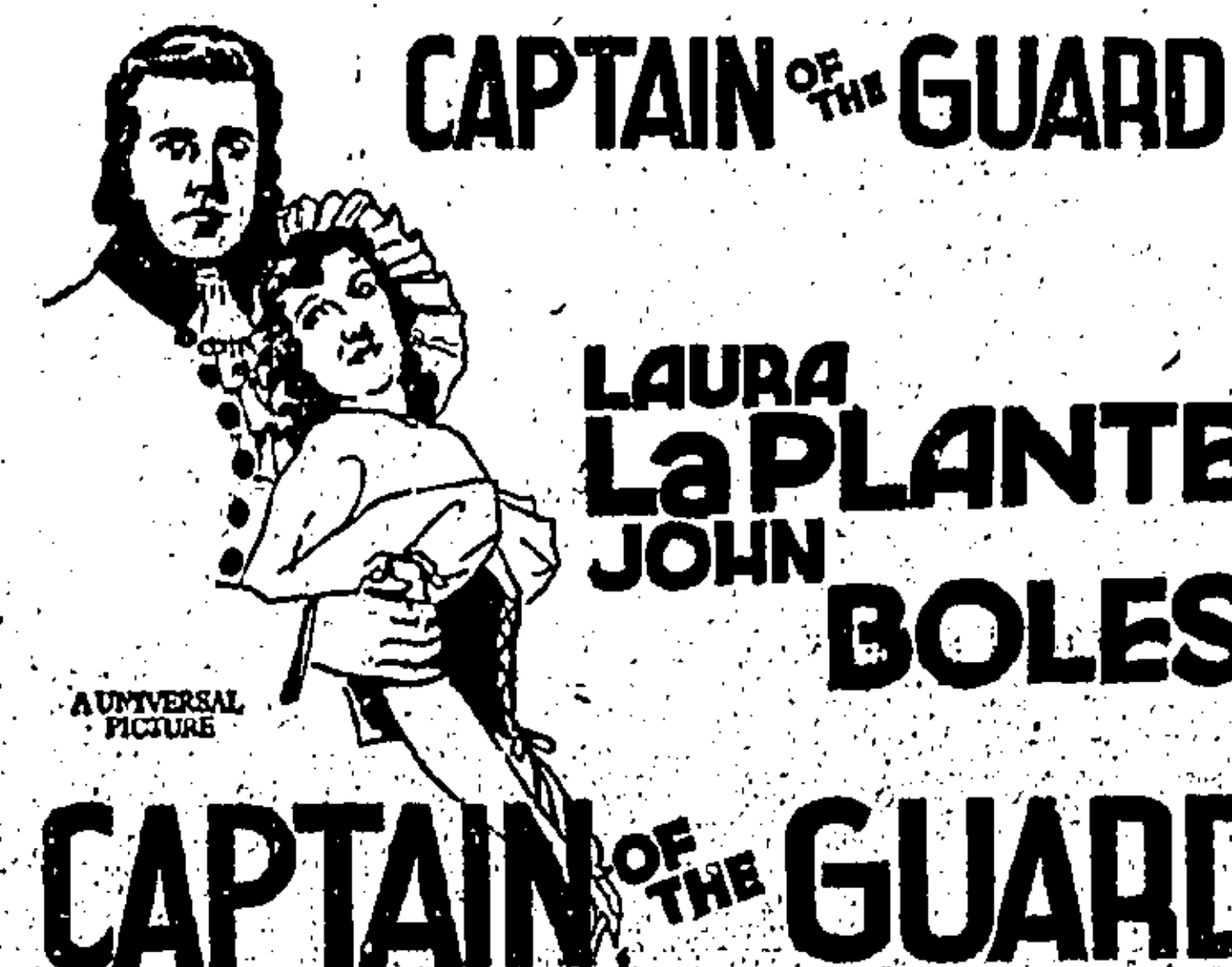
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## Sport Columns

### IRISH SWEEPSTAKE WINNINGS.

Court Orders Them to  
Be Invested.

WINNER SUED.

London, Yesterday.

The Judge of the Dublin High Court has ordered Emilio Scala's Irish Hospitals Grand National Sweepstake winnings to be invested pending the hearing of the action against Scala by two London Italians, Epicella and Constantino, who claim a share of the winnings under an agreement.—Reuter.

### A BRITISH LAWN TENNIS HOPE.

F. J. Perry's Tour in  
Scandinavia.

"LACK OF AIR."

An interesting note has reached me from F. J. Perry, the newcomer to big tennis, who is thought by many to have the brightest chance of developing into the best player this country has possessed for years, writes Trevor Wignall of the Daily Express. Perry is at present touring with a British team in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, and those who have followed the results of the matches already played will not need to be told that he has done well. Perry does not yet occupy the position in tennis that has been gained in golf by Henry Cotton. But few will dispute the assertion that for one so comparatively inexperienced he has progressed in most remarkable fashion. Only about a year ago he was unknown and untried, but to-day he is probably one of the three leading players of Great Britain.

He is a greater fighter, this lad who was once the champion of the world at table tennis. I think he plays at his finest, indeed, when the day is going against him, and it is chiefly because of this that I believe he will be very prominent at Wimbledon during the Summer. Perry's never-say-die spirit is perhaps the chief of his assets, but people who are in the best position to judge have told me that not for many years has a young fellow arisen with a more natural aptitude for the game on which he has now concentrated. Perry likes football and golf and cricket, but he is not making the mistake of mixing them with his tennis. He is sensible enough to realise that versatility can be considerably overdone, and, as a consequence, he is confining himself to one game only.

"I don't know why it is," he writes, "that in all the Scandinavian countries there is such a lack of air. Nobody seems to think of ventilation, and I am sure the folk here have never thought of attempting to ventilate a tennis court. It is just like playing in a huge oven, and in Sweden they even have radiators to heat the courts. You see, it is all indoor play here, for the outdoor kind is only possible three or four months in the year. All the players in these parts are very good on wood, but I do not think they would be anything like so good if they played outdoors. Honestly, now, did you ever hear of a Briton being able to play without ventilation? I am sure I should expire if I lived here always, beautiful place though it is, because all the buildings are so exceedingly stuffy. Anyway, we have had a magnificent time in three of the most hospitable countries it has been my lot to visit."

It used to be said, and with some truth, that British tennis players were not given much opportunity to play all the year round or of gaining experience in other lands. The contention, if employed, would be incorrect now. There is always the Riviera for those who care to travel to it, while Austin and others have recently returned from India, and it is only a few months since Perry was in North and South America. I can well understand his plaint about ventilation, if only for the reason that tennis can never be so enjoyable under cover as it is in the fresh air. But Perry must be gaining valuable experience as the result of these fairly frequent trips abroad. He should be closely watched when the season proper opens.

### DISCORD IN GOLF CONTROL.

An Example of Its  
Damage.

DIVIDED UNIONS.

It seems to me that the match between teams of British amateurs and professionals, which has been fixed to take place on the Gosforth Park Course at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 30, ought to be one of the finest golf fixtures of the year, writes Harry Vardon in the Sports Dispatch.

Unfortunately, it has suffered during its short career (for it was founded only two seasons ago) from the confusion which exists in the administration of the game, and which is steadily growing worse. Twelve months ago the result of these divergencies of opinion on the part of several bodies of greater or less authority was that much difficulty was experienced in raising the sides, and that some of the players who took part in the match were reserves of a rather remote degree. During my three tours in the United States and many talks with American amateurs when they have visited this country, nothing has impressed me more than the wholeheartedness with which they pay tribute to their matches with professionals as an aid to efficiency. They say that they never miss an opportunity of engaging in such games, mostly of a private character, and that they can generally learn something, besides being spurred to play up to concert pitch.

For some reason the leading British amateurs have nearly parted company from their professionals—at any rate, from the point of view of competition. Very few of the men who are deemed good enough for the Walker Cup match now take part in the Open Championship. It is a pity, because the amateurs were once a force with whom we had to reckon very seriously, just as the American professionals now have to regard their amateur rivals. This team match between amateurs and professionals ought to be indispensable and a worthy equivalent as a sporting contest to the cricketing affair at Lord's between Gentlemen and Players. Yet it appears to me to have been torn by discord.

Divided Unions.

The truth is, I fear, that internal dissension is creeping more and more strongly into the control of golf. Competition and jealousy are gaining away where co-operation is needed. In spite of all this, the game is making headway because of its own intrinsic qualities, but it would be idle to pretend that it is moving forward with the same impetus as in the United States, where an undivided administration has fostered greater skill in every stratum of the golfing community.

The team match between amateurs and professionals is an example of the muddled state of affairs from which golf suffers in Britain.

I believe that the leading players of both sections felt that its institution would be a good thing as an incentive to a higher standard of golf (which must react inevitably on the handicap battalions), and, as the Royal and Ancient Club showed no inclination to give it a start, the English Golf Union decided to step into the breach. They invited the help of the Scottish Union, and, much to their surprise, met with a refusal.

In the end, they had to make themselves responsible for the venture, but although the match was a success at West Bromwich two years ago, it has not so far possessed the cachet that it deserved.

Element of Pique.

Last season several of the leading professionals withdrew from it. As it is held on behalf of the benevolent fund of their own association, their action must have struck most people as being a particularly gratuitous slight to the fixture, and I can only suppose that behind it lay a certain element of pique born of the circumstance that the amateurs who had just previously represented Britain in the Walker Cup match were supposed to have scorned the idea of professional coaching.

In any case, it is unfortunate that differences of opinion exist among the several organisations that assist in the government of golf, and that the rifts are becoming more and more pronounced, while everybody concerned tries diplomatically to avoid the appearance of an open breach.

How long this can continue I do not know. There seems to be very little mutual help anywhere. I have been told that when the Union of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland decided seven years ago to form their joint committee they were determined to take the control of golf in all its aspects out of the hands of the Royal and Ancient

### ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO PHAR LAP.

Bookmakers Refuse to  
Lay Odds.

THE KING'S PLATE.

From another distant land, in which so much store is set on racing, comes news of the further doings of Australia's "wonder" horse, Phar Lap, writes a correspondent in a Home paper. He has just won the King's Plate, a weight-for-age race over a mile and a half.

The fact that this was his fourteenth consecutive win and that his record total of winnings for Australasia has been increased to £51,462 scarcely seems so notable as the fact that the bookmakers refused to lay any sort of odds against this invincible horse. It is, perhaps, the most eloquent tribute ever paid to him.

### RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE TAIKOO VOLUNTEER  
CHALLENGE CUP.

A. McINDOE WINS.

The eighteenth competition for the Taikoo Volunteer Challenge Cup was held at the Taikoo Rifle Range on Sunday, when the following practices were carried out: 200 yards, deliberate, 4 ft. musketry target; 5 rounds.

200 yards, snapshooting, 22 in. snapshooting target; 5 rounds. 300 yards, snapshooting, 4 ft. musketry target; 5 rounds. 300 yards, rapid, 4 ft. musketry target; 10 rounds.

500 yards, deliberate, 6 ft. musketry target; 5 rounds. The total "possible" number of points is 115.

There were eleven competitors, and after a very keen contest Mr. A. McIndoe (scratch) won with an aggregate of 101 points.

A consolation prize, kindly presented by Mr. J. D. Danby to the runner-up, was won by Mr. D. C. Walsley (scratch) with a total of 100 points. Mr. C. H. Summers (scratch) was third with a score of 98.

The Cup, presented by Mr. G. W. Swire, is a handsome one made of English silver and mounted on a blackwood stand, surrounded with small shields on which the winner's name is inscribed each year. The trophy has to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner, but each holder receives a miniature cup—an exact replica in design of the original.

The competition first started in 1908, and previous winners are: Messrs. B. F. Chapman, W. M. Scott (twice), D. Young, W. Budge, G. E. Stewart, W. J. Eldridge (twice), C. H. Summers (twice), M. A. C. McIntosh, W. E. Price, D. C. Walsley, K. McLennan and T. S. Marshall.

Club. Ultimately, they were persuaded to invite the R. and A. to be represented at their meeting, and nothing revolutionary happened. But a man who ought to know told me the other day that the old spirit is surging again.

Pot Luck.

If anything could have bound the Unions to work in concert, it ought to have been the resolve to form a committee through which their requirements would be stated to St. Andrews. Yet the Scottish Union cannot support the English Union in organising the match between amateurs and professionals.

In these circumstances, it is hardly matter for surprise that very little respect for the England v. Scotland contest was shown at St. Andrews last season. Until a few years ago this event was controlled by the Royal and Ancient Club. The Unions of the respective countries have since taken charge of it, and on the most recent occasion, it had to take pot luck with all the private practice rounds that were in progress on the eve of the championship.

One international player who did not mind half-hour waits on teeing grounds, told me how repeatedly he had to stand astride over his ball while the thousands of onlookers rushed forward in pursuit of their favourites, caring nothing what happened to other players. There was hardly any control.

This ideal of defending the ball must be a dreadful preliminary to a person of peaceful instincts. Nobody ought to be subjected to it.

Here is another point of importance in connection with the government of the games. Everybody at St. Andrews was saying that championship ought not to be held there. As a public course, it is no more suitable than Hyde Park would be for a Test match at cricket. At the same time, nobody would like to see the old course shorn of its birthright. An entirely new scheme of controlling the crowd is needed.

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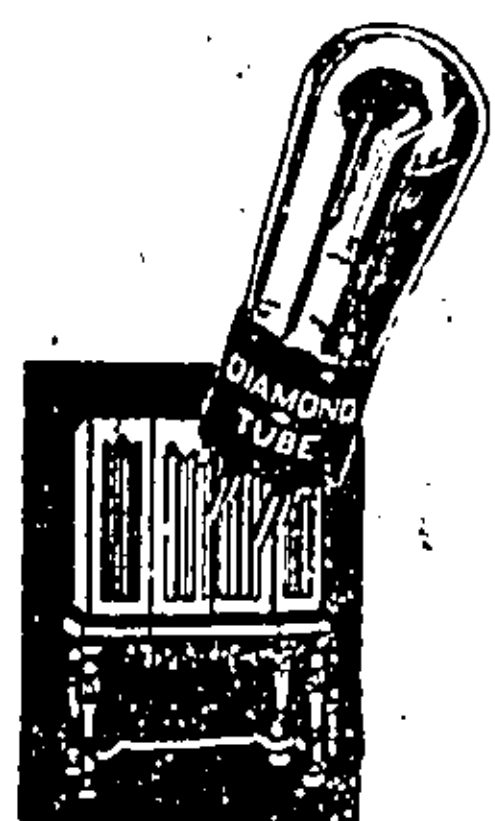


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BRITISH GAMES AT  
CHELSEA.Paavo Nurmi Likely to  
Enter.

HAMPSON'S RECOVERY.

London, April 6.  
The annual British Games will be held on May 26, at Stamford Bridge stadium.  
German, Finnish and French clubs have been invited to compete against the Achilles Club. It is likely that Paavo Nurmi will take part and may bring several fellow countrymen with him.  
Considerable track and field interest is already being shown in the early season workouts of Lord David Burghley. There is also a possibility that T. Hampson will enjoy a speedy recovery from his recent injuries.  
Last year Burghley and Hampson set new British records for the 440-yard low hurdles and 880-yards.  
Hampson ran and won, the championship A.A.A. half-mile race at Stamford Bridge last July in one min. 53-1/5 secs. and, at the British Empire games held in Canada, lowered the record to 1 min. 52-2/5 secs. Fit and well, Hampson is considered a certainty by British athletes to win the 800 metres in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932.—United Press.

SENSATIONAL GOAL  
SCORED.Curious Incident at  
Burnley.

London, March 17.  
A curious incident occurred during a Second Division match in the English Football League when Burnley and Burnley met at Burnley on Saturday. Burnley's goal in the first half certainly had originality about it. Harvey beat Somerville, the Burnley goalkeeper, but in so doing the pair crashed into and broke one of the goalposts causing the cross-bar to come down. The goal net enveloped both scorer and goalkeeper, and delayed play for a quarter of an hour.

ITALY'S ATHLETES  
RESTING.

Rome, March 10.  
In order to give athletes a chance to rest before an elimination meet in 1932 to determine the Italian Olympic team, the athletic federation has shortened the sports programme for this year.—Associated Press.

WESTERN SPORTS  
IN JAPANHuge Baseball Arena  
to Be Built.

RUGBY AND TENNIS.

Tokyo, April 9.  
A further indication of the growing popularity of Western sports in Japan is seen in the announcement that a baseball ground with accommodation for a hundred thousand spectators will be established in Shibaura, on the outskirts of Tokyo, by next Spring.  
The estimated cost is ¥96,000, for which appropriations will be asked in the supplementary budget which is to be introduced in the Municipal Assembly shortly.  
The Municipal authorities are also planning to establish "rugger" grounds and tennis courts at a cost of ¥3,500,000.

## Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.  
LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.  
CHESS—To-day—Open Championship.  
P. T. Rozario v. H. W. Randall.  
D. E. Carvalho v. C. M. Sequeira.  
Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship.  
H. Bush v. T. G. Stokes.  
M. Tanquet v. A. J. Birukoff.  
J. N. de Silva v. B. Soltan.  
R. B. Jackson v. Paul.  
Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship.  
B. Soltan v. T. G. Stokes.  
H. Bush v. M. Tanquet.  
A. J. Birukoff v. R. B. Jackson.  
Paul v. J. N. de Silva.  
FOOTBALL—To-day—H.K.F.A. Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
To-morrow—Kowloon Football Club Dance at the Peninsula Hotel.  
Saturday—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.  
LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Opening of League Season.  
May 9—Entries close for Open Singles Championship.  
RACING—Saturday—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.  
HOME.  
FOOTBALL—April 25—English Cup Final, Wembley.  
GOLF—April 20-21—English Amateur Championship.  
April 25 and 26—Professional Tournament, Torquay.  
April 27—Army Championship, Sandwich.  
RACING—April 29—Two Thousand Guineas.

PRINCE OF WALES  
HOLES IN ONE.

MASHIE NIBLICK.

Rio de Janeiro, March 25.  
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Vienna . . . . . 34.56 1/2  
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Madrid . . . . . 46.65  
Lisbon . . . . . 108.25  
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Bucharest . . . . . 317  
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—British Wireless Service

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## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 14th April, 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
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## SWATOW DRAWNWORK

"Why must people be so cruel?" said Mrs. Chrisp. "It is not true. My daughter was never forsaken by any of us. Her three boys were constantly here, and we were glad to have them."



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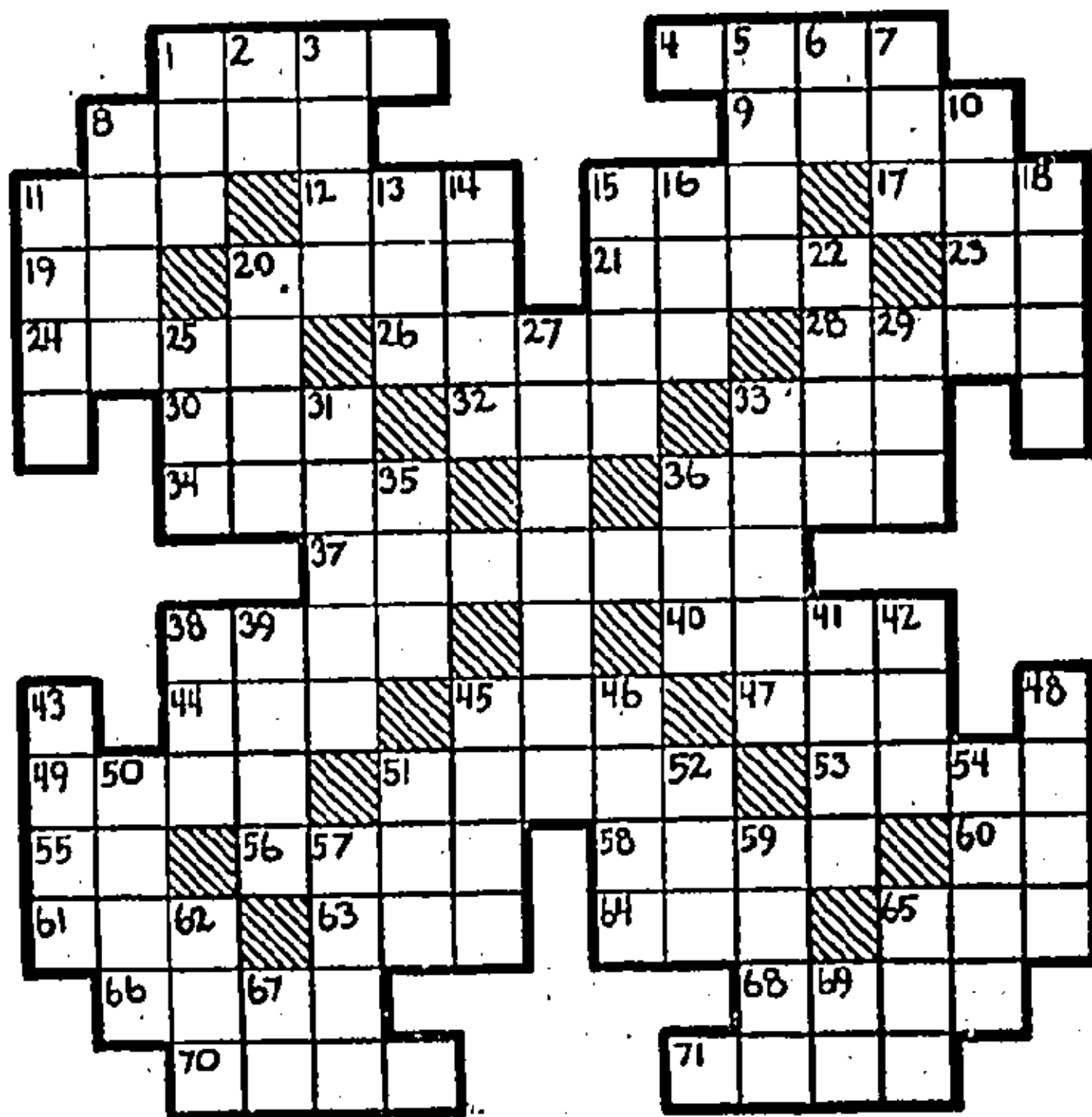
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



**HORIZONTAL**  
1-Finest  
4-Tear  
8-Dispatched  
9-Land measure  
14-Order  
15-Writing fluid  
16-Vehicle  
17-Part of head  
18-Egyptian sun-god  
20-One of a tribe of  
N. American  
Indians  
21-Associate of the  
Royal Society of  
Arts (abbr.)  
25-Smallest State in  
U. S. (abbr.)  
26-A high Turkish  
official  
28-Allure  
29-Small children  
30-Decay  
32-American writer  
33-A fish  
34-A heroic poem  
36-Arrived  
37-Customs  
38-Slide  
40-Twelve months  
44-A high explosive  
(abbr.)  
45-Female saint  
(abbr.)

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
49-To walk lamely  
51-An ancient city of  
Greece  
53-A river in Germany  
55-By  
56-To wither  
58-Percolate  
60-Prefix. Two  
61-A number  
62-To arrive for  
superiority  
64-Paroled  
65-Remark (abbr.)  
66-In a greater  
quantity  
68-Unlock  
70-Accomplished  
71-To break suddenly  
official  
**VERTICAL**  
1-Place of furniture  
2-Half an am.  
3-Aggitate  
5-Wanders from the  
truth  
6-Negative  
7-Female deer  
8-Kingdom of  
"A. S. Aia"  
10-A javelin  
14-Released  
15-Ennure  
18-Retail  
21-A wrap

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
15-Skill  
18-Ascend  
20-A crew  
22-Smallest particle  
25-Angel  
27-The early part of  
the day  
29-A lyric poem  
31-Silly  
32-Boxes  
35-Head covering  
41-On the top  
42-A color  
43-Thin narrow board  
45-Large wooded plant  
46-Throat  
48-Extremely neat  
50-An entry in an  
account  
51-S. W. State of  
U. S. (abbr.)  
52-Ocean  
54-Paradise  
57-Smooth  
58-English school  
60-To bow the head  
62-Material with a  
corded surface  
67-Square land  
measure (abbr.)  
68-Father

# RADIO TOPICS

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will  
be broadcast to-day from the  
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station  
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 350  
metres.

6-8 p.m.—European Programme  
of Victor Records.  
6-6.30 p.m.—Instrumental.  
Oh Vermeland, Thou Lovely,  
Victor String Ensemble  
(1923).

The Music Box,  
Victor Woodwind Ensemble  
(1923).

Pianoforte Solo—  
Etude in D Flat (Liszt),  
In the Night (Schumann),  
Harold Bauer (6828).

Violin Solo—  
La Ronde Des Lutins (Dance of the  
Goblins) (A. Bazzini),  
Scherzo—Tarentelle  
(Henri Wieniawski),  
Jascha Heifetz (6159).

Pianoforte Solo—  
On the Banks of the Danube  
(J. Kurucz),  
John Kurucz (V12).

Violin Solo—  
Rondino (Kreisler),  
Fair Rosemary (Kreisler),  
Fritz Kreisler (1386).

6-39-7.17 p.m.—Humorous Num-  
bers.

Orchestral—  
Dance of the Toy Regiment,  
Warblings at Eve,  
Victor Salon Orchestra  
(1949).

Vocal Duet—  
Hosier Hop,  
I'm Following You!  
The Duncan Sisters (22269).

Song—  
You and My Old Guitar,  
My Little Lady,  
Jimmie Rodgers (V40072).

Pianoforte Solo—  
Just for To-night,  
A Little Kiss Each Morning,  
John Kurucz (V38).

Song—  
To Whom It May Concern,  
Yours and Mine,  
Johnny Melvin (22004).

7.17-7.41 p.m.—  
Quartet in A Minor (Schumann),  
Flonazey Quartet (M61).

7.41-8 p.m.—Songs of the Past  
Sung by the Victor Mixed Chorus  
(35825 & 35872).

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local  
Time, etc.

8.05-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing  
Theatre Relay.

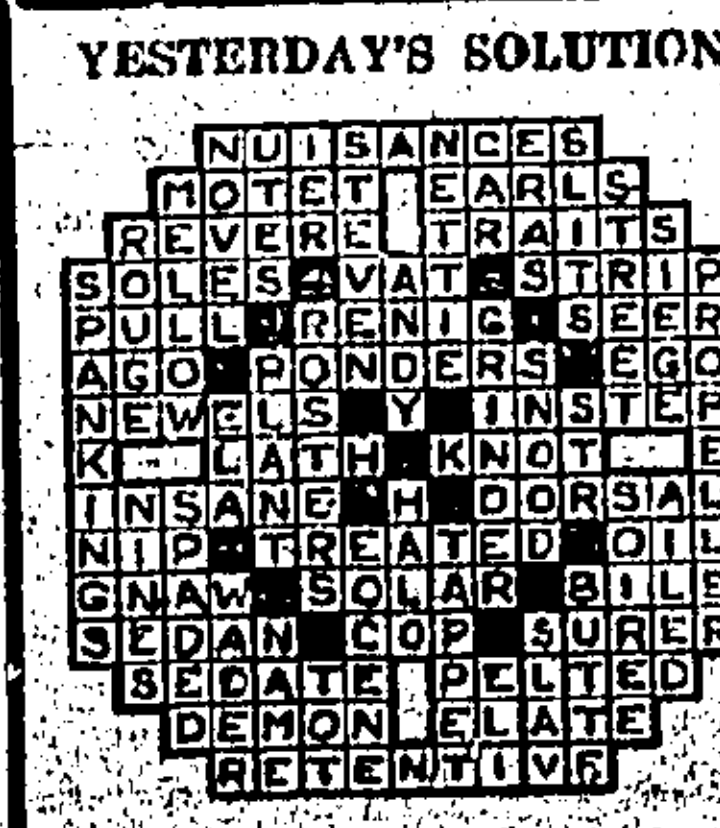
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## WIRELESS & CONTROVERSY.

Manchester, March 21.  
Last night's wireless listeners in  
Britain should have heard a Ger-  
man radio play, already broadcast  
with acceptance from several Euro-  
pean stations, which has as its  
theme the Russian rescue of the re-  
cent Italian Arctic expedition under  
General Nobile. The play had been  
submitted to the B.B.C. some  
months ago and approved. It was  
suddenly cancelled two days before  
production while in full rehearsal.  
We may well wonder why. The  
broadcasting authorities have a  
duty to avoid frankly propagandist  
items in their programmes, and, as  
recent criticism in the House of  
Lords and elsewhere bears witness,  
they do not always succeed in doing  
this. But if the cancellation of this  
play is the result of such criticism  
it shows a misplaced nervousness.  
The moral attached to "Krasin  
Save Italia!" if a moral there be,  
is that in the face of disaster in-  
curred in pursuit of scientific dis-  
covery politics are forgotten and  
Bolshevik and Fascist meet in an  
emergency that tests their common  
manhood to the exclusion of all else.  
That is not, one would think, likely  
to convert any British listener to  
the doctrines of Marx, though it  
may well reinforce his belief in the  
interdependence of mankind. But,  
this instance apart, it is to be hoped  
that the B.B.C. are not going to be  
scared by legitimate criticism into  
attempting to filter their pro-  
grammes of controversial matter.  
That is neither possible nor desir-  
able. The most harmless of talks  
on plays or books is necessarily  
packed with material for dispute;  
the most sincere and well-informed  
lecture on the future of India or on  
foreign affairs must bristle with  
matter for disagreement. The  
business of the B.B.C., if its service  
is to be protected from a paralysing  
dullness, must be to let the battle  
of views proceed and to keep the  
ring fairly.—Manchester Guardian.

## TREATMENT OF A BASEBOARD.

If you intend to use a wooden  
baseboard as a permanent part of  
the receiver, it is a good plan to  
give it two or three coats of shellac  
or varnish before mounting any in-  
struments on it. It will then be  
less susceptible to warping than if  
it were left uncoated.



## UP-TO-DATE SIAM.

### BROADCASTING A KING'S SPEECH.

The annual speech from the  
Throne on the anniversary of the  
Coronation each year, is eagerly  
read by all who can read. A trans-  
lation of, of course, published in full  
by the foreign newspapers in Eng-  
lish, and by the many vernacular  
papers in Siam, and extracts ap-  
pear in some of the Chinese  
papers published in Bangkok.  
This year the King declared  
that the speech should be  
relayed from the new broadcasting  
station which has been erected in  
Bangkok by the well-known firm of  
Philips of Eindhoven. The King's  
interest in wireless has been known  
for some time; it was by this means  
that he kept the capital informed of  
his progress in the big tour under-  
taken with the Queen of the north-  
ern territories, and was himself  
kept in touch with what was hap-  
pening in Bangkok while he was  
away.

His Majesty looks forward to the  
day when wireless will be the speedi-  
est method of communication be-  
tween the outer marches and Bang-  
kok. Each remote hamlet and town-  
ship will, if the King's will runs,  
have its daily service of news, con-  
sisting of primarily Government an-  
nouncements, then the prices pre-  
vailing in Bangkok for the goods  
produced in the countryside, and  
finally a resume of foreign news  
from the big outside world, with a  
selection of musical items from the  
current programmes. His  
Majesty's view is that this  
closer contact of the coun-  
try people with the capital  
will make for a more contented  
country side, and also help the peo-  
ple working in the fields and at  
other rural occupations to be more  
in touch with the real markets in  
Bangkok, and less dependent, and  
not so much in the hands of the  
middlemen brokers, who, for their  
services, have to be paid and sup-  
ported by the producer. Wireless  
sets which will function from any-  
where in Siam are a little too ex-  
pensive at present, but like other  
things not absolutely necessary to  
existence, are coming down in price,  
and one installation with a loud  
speaker, will provide a good deal of  
entertainment for a large number  
of people.—Singapore Free Press.

## RADIO REVIVES BOW BELLS.

Bow Bells, the historic chimes of  
the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow,  
Cheapside, London, have been silent  
for five years, because three of the  
peal of 12 are cracked, the others  
need rehanging, and the steeple,  
built by Sir Christopher Wren in  
1668, was shaken by the Silvertown  
explosion in 1917. The old peal  
perished in the Great Fire of London  
in 1666, and most of the  
present bells were cast in the  
reign of Charles II. To restore the  
building, the organ, and the bells,  
over £10,000 is required, and a col-  
lection is being made for the pur-  
pose. In order to draw attention  
to the silence of Bow Bells, within  
the sound of which every true Cock-  
ney should be born (says the "Il-  
lustrated London News"), the Gramo-  
phone Co. have installed an electrical  
reproducing equipment with 12 loud-  
speakers to broadcast over the city  
church-bell music as recorded by  
"His Master's Voice." The joyous  
chimes of the bells issue from the  
Royal gallery in the steeple, a bal-  
cony designed by Wren to replace  
the "stand" built by Edward III.  
for Queen Philippa to view the  
joustings in Cheapside, and to this  
day this stone gallery on the north  
side of the steeple is at the com-  
mand of the Royal Family. The  
bells may be heard daily (except  
Saturdays) at noon to 12.30 p.m.,  
from 1 to 1.30 p.m., and from 5.15  
p.m. to 6.45 p.m. The effect is  
exactly as though the bells of Bow  
were being rung. The programme  
includes the peal of St. Margaret's,  
Westminster, the 12 bells of York  
Minster, the Loughborough War  
Memorial Carillon, and the New  
Zealand War Memorial Carillon, re-  
corded in Hyde Park.

## CLEARING UP SPEAKER HUM.

The ordinary type of dynamic  
speaker which operates from the  
A.C. line with a step-down trans-  
former and a dry rectifier produces,  
nearly always, a very noticeable  
hum. In many cases the use of a  
high capacity condenser, such as  
those made for "A" power units,  
will reduce the hum so that it can  
hardly be heard. The condenser is  
connected across the field coils of  
the speaker. These condensers are  
usually polarised, and it is necessary  
to connect them in the correct way.  
In some cases it may be difficult  
to locate the field coil terminals. In  
this case the wires running from the  
rectifier unit may be used, since  
they connect directly to this coil.

## REPAIRING FILTER CONDENSERS

In some of the later types of "A"  
power packs, the current is filtered  
by electrolytic condensers had these,  
in our hot climate have a nasty  
habit of drying out after some  
months of use, usually necessitat-  
ing their renewal. The symptom of  
this drying out is a fairly bad speak-  
er hum, which can be traced back to  
the "A" power pack.

The replacement of these con-  
densers is no small item, even in  
these days when radio parts are  
comparatively cheap, and the follow-  
ing hint for the rejuvenation of the  
condensers may prove to be of value  
to readers:—Mix a solution of Am-  
monium phosphate, one pound to a  
gallon of water, and let it stand  
over-night. Remove the con-  
densers from their mountings in the  
power pack and remove the covers.  
The inside is aluminium sheets  
spaced with tissue paper and care  
should be taken in handling not to  
tear or puncture it. As the solu-  
tion has stood overnight, all that  
will have to be done is to stir it and  
then carefully lay the condensers  
in the solution and let them  
soak to the bottom. After  
they have been in pickle for six

hours they should be removed and  
drained. This draining usually  
takes an hour and then the con-  
densers are ready to be put back in  
their containers and assembled in  
the power pack.

This saturating and rebuilding  
gives the condensers a complete new  
range of life and they should not  
require any further attention for  
some six months.

## KING'S TALK WITH PRINCE.

The Prince of Wales rang up  
Buckingham Palace from Buenos  
Aires on March 20, and had a six  
minutes' conversation with the  
King.

The transmission was by the  
Post Office direct wireless service,  
the Prince's voice being received at  
Baldock and transmitted by land  
line to the Palace, while the King's  
was sent out from the wireless sta-  
tion at Rugby. The reception was  
perfect.

William Powell's new picture,  
"Cavalier of the Streets" went  
into production recently at the  
Paramount studio in Hollywood.  
The story is by Herman J. Man-  
kiewicz and was suggested by a  
Michael Arlen romance. In the  
cast are Carole Lombard, Wynne  
Gibson, Lawrence Gray, Guy  
Kibbee, Maude Truax and Tom  
Ricketts.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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Hong Kong, April 9, 1931.

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pany (Limited) of Den-  
mark:—

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from Kobe.  
Dobson, Kowloon Hotel, from  
Shanghai.  
Furleur, from Shanghai.  
Vendor, from Shanghai.  
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Nihonsakai, from Tokyo.

F. V. JENSEN,  
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" Corned .....	咸牛肉	"	—	23	12
" Roast .....	牛肉	"	33	24	22
" Breast .....	牛肉	"	30	20	18
" Soup .....	牛肉	"	27	20	18
" Steak .....	牛肉	"	33	24	22
" Steak Sirloin .....	牛肉	"	46	30	35
" Sausages .....	牛肉	"	86	26	20
Bufock's Brains .....	牛腦	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh .....	牛舌	each	75	50	60
" Tongue, corned .....	牛舌	"	—	60	—
" Head .....	牛頭	"	\$1.20	—	\$1.20
" Heart .....	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt .....	牛肩	"	—	20	18
" Feet .....	牛脚	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys .....	牛腎	"	15	10	12
" Tail .....	牛尾	"	27	20	22
" Liver .....	牛肝	lb.	24	13	14
" Tripe .....	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet .....	牛頭脚	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton Chop .....	羊排	lb.	40	26	—
" Leg .....	羊腿	"	40	26	—
" Shoulder .....	羊肩	"	36	24	—
" Saddle .....	羊鞍	"	40	—	—
Pig's Chittlings .....	猪肠	Per set	30	27	—
" Brains .....	猪腦	Per set	3	—	—
" Feet .....	猪脚	lb.	16	15	—
" Fry .....	猪油	"	28	15	18
" Head .....	猪頭	"	18	20	—
" Heart .....	猪心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys .....	猪腎	"	15	10	3
" Liver .....	猪肝	lb.	50	30	24
" Sucking Pig .....	猪仔	lb.	38	25	28
" Leg .....	猪腿	"	38	—	—
" Loin .....	猪腰	"	44	60	70
" Fat or Lard .....	猪油	"	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet .....	羊頭脚	per set	90	60	70
" Heart .....	羊心	each	12	8	7
" Kidneys .....	羊腎	lb.	15	12	10
" Liver .....	羊肝	"	45	26	25
" Sucking Pig, to order .....	猪仔	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef .....	牛油	"	30	50	18
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## WONDERS OF SURGERY.

Surgeon Not Lagging  
Behind Scientists.

### RECENT ADVANCES.

In these enlightened times, when the mind of man is occupied with the wonders of modern science and engineering, exemplified on the one hand by wireless telegraphy and on the other by bridges and various vehicles of transport, and more especially in this year of economic stress, when we are apt to consider that our lot is hard, it would be of considerable benefit to our self-inflicted ills were we to ponder for a moment and to realize how much better off than our forefathers we really are in respect of what is, after all, of greatest importance—our good health. The surgeon is not lagging behind his brother-scientists in the care of the greatest and most wondrous of all machines—the human body. Who is a surgeon? And what the nature of his art?

Guy de Chauliac has written: "The conditions necessary for the surgeon are four: First, he should be learned; second, he should be expert; third, he must be ingenious; and fourth, he must be able to adapt himself." Hippocrates said, 450 years before Christ: "The surgeon must be prepared not only to do what is right himself, but also to make the patient, the assistants, accessories, and surroundings co-operate with him."

### Special Dedication.

Upon the nature of his art we may quote to-day's President of the Royal College Surgeons of England (Lord Moynihan of Leeds): "Surgery is not only a craft, though craftsmanship of a high order is essential. It is a profession to which a man should feel not only complete devotion, but also a sense of special dedication. Its practice requires the most flawless integrity in thought and act. It is not lightly to be undertaken by any who have not first surrendered to an iron discipline of training by the masters of their art." It was actually within the lifetime of some of our readers that a Briton (Lord Lister) on March 16, 1867, published his first paper on the subject of Antisepsis, and he it noted that this famous man freely acknowledged the work of his French contemporary (Pasteur).

The first surgical operation under general anaesthesia was performed on October 16, 1846, by Dr. John C. Warren at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, U.S.A. The anaesthetic agent used was sulphuric ether, and it was administered by Dr. William T. G. Morton, a dentist of the same city. Morton had previously experimented upon himself, and volunteers to test the safety and efficiency of his discovery.

It was Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes who suggested the name "anaesthesia" for the state, with its adjective "anaesthetic." Holmes himself should be remembered with gratitude by mankind for his essay on "The Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever," 1848.

Chloroform was first used by Sir James Young Simpson (Professor of Midwifery, Edinburgh University) in 1848.

### Wood's Discovery.

The discovery by Alexander Wood, of Edinburgh, in 1853, of hypodermic injections by means of a hollow needle, rendered possible the more rapid and exact exhibition of drugs. In this method the required medication is placed in a state of solution beneath the skin. Only those who have been relieved almost instantaneously when suffering acute pain can appreciate its advantage.

Cocaine for local anaesthetic purposes was first injected by Von Anrep in the year 1879. Its analgesic properties had been previously observed by many men. This drug is admirable for the prevention of local pain, but has also very definite poisonous properties. Of recent years many safe alternatives of this preparation are in daily use in the practice of surgery.

X-rays were discovered by Professor Rontgen in Wurzburg in December, 1895, whilst he was experimenting on the passage of electricity through rarefied gases. The element radium was isolated from its compounds by Madame Curie in 1910. Its presence had been discovered by the same observer and her husband some years previously.

### Slight Risk of Operations.

The reader will now realize how comparatively new is the scientific knowledge upon which modern surgery has built its sure foundation. In the pre-Listerian era, to submit to a major surgical procedure was to court death. Now, it may truly be said that a leisurely walk down one of Sydney's main streets is fraught with more risk to life than a modern surgical operation, provided always that the patient's general health be good.

More than this, should the subject be in weak condition, the surgeon is able, in many instances, to improve the physical state, by taking advantage of the almost daily observations of his colleagues. If, for example, he be exhausted by the loss of body fluids from frequent vomiting, his immediate needs may be supplied, by injecting into his veins a solution of glucose (sugar) with an appropriate dose of insulin, to enable the tissues to make use of this readily absorbed food. Insulin is probably the most brilliant medical discovery of the last decade. The honour of this benefit belongs to Banting of Toronto, Canada. As is generally known, it was introduced for the treatment of diabetes, and its main use occurs in the practice of the physician. If loss of blood be the cause of the patient's slender hold on life, blood transfusion can now be safely practised. When this procedure was first known, there was considerable danger not only to the recipient, but also to the donor. Now, owing to accurate observations made during the Great War, that blood falls into certain groups, some of which are not compatible with others, the safety of accepting the generous offer of one human being to give his life's blood to save another may be determined with scientific accuracy. The giver may go about his daily business without fear. For some dread accompaniments of wounds, specific anti-sera of great efficiency are in daily use. We do not sufficiently appreciate how many of our soldiers were spared the lethal "lockjaw," by the routine injection of anti-tetanic serum to all wounded. Only during the past two or three years has a serum been perfected to attack the virulent gas-forming organisms which caused such havoc from gas-gangrene in the titanic combat. This serum is now being used in our public hospitals by surgeons who know only too well, the dreadful effects of this particular kind of germ. The lives of not a few of our citizens have already been saved by this important discovery. Its use moreover, has been

shown by a British surgeon to be of great advantage in the toxemia engendered by obstruction of the bowel.

### Another Wonder.

Another wonder of the past five years is known as the Graham test, after the American surgeon—a recent visitor to our shores—who introduced it to the surgical world. Its essential feature is that a drug which rejoices in the name of Sodiumtetraiodophosphate, is swallowed. Absorption takes place from the intestine, and secretion in the liver. The substance is opaque to X-rays, and may now be shown by the radiographer. Should the dye fail to enter the gall bladder, the logical inference is drawn that its duct is blocked. Of still more recent knowledge, and used for the first time in Sydney during the current year, is Uroselectan. This is injected into one's veins, and excreted by the kidneys, when an X-ray photograph of the urinary tracts may be taken. Speaking of these organs, it is now commonplace for the surgeon actually to inspect the interior of the bladder, and to collect urine from either kidney. Last century this procedure was practically unknown. The services of the bio-chemist are daily utilised to determine the function of the kidneys, in particular, by estimating the amount of urea present in the blood. By this and numerous other tests, the efficiency of these organs becomes a known quantity.

In cases of certain diseases of the stomach and intestines, surgery now has the valuable diagnostic aid of radiography after the ingestion of an opaque meal.

### Rubber Gloves.

Twenty years ago, the use of surgical rubber gloves to protect the patient from germs carried on the hands of the surgeon and his assistants, was scarcely known. To-day, the wisdom of this precaution is universally practised.

Do any of us realise just how many individuals are called into activity when a citizen is suddenly attacked by an abdominal crisis—for instance? The patient usually becomes abruptly aware during the day, that something is amiss. By evening, the fears of himself and his friends are naturally increased, and the local doctor is summoned. Should the unlucky one belong to, for these purposes, the unfortunate class, who cannot afford the expense of private treatment, an ambulance is called, and he is conveyed to one of our great public hospitals, where he is admitted by the senior resident medical man on duty. This officer in turn telephones the surgeon of the week, and announces that "an acute abdomen has been admitted into one of your beds, sir." While the surgeon is on his way the night sister is informed and hastens to prepare the theatre assisted by two nurses. A consultation is held, and if necessary, the patient is prepared for operation in the ward by another nurse, and transferred to the theatre by the wardman. He is there anaesthetised by a doctor, and the needful work done by the surgeon aided by one or two qualified assistants, a sister, and at least one other nurse, and an instrument attendant who in urgent cases is often also a medical man. So that five doctors, four nurses, and a wardman will have all participated in an endeavour to relieve human suffering.

Modern surgery demands that, in difficult cases, the physician, pathologist, bacteriologist, bio-chemist, radiographer, and anaesthetist shall all be called to aid in determining the wisest course to pursue for the preferment of the patient. But the conclusion of the whole matter depends upon the judgment and dexterity of the directing surgeon.

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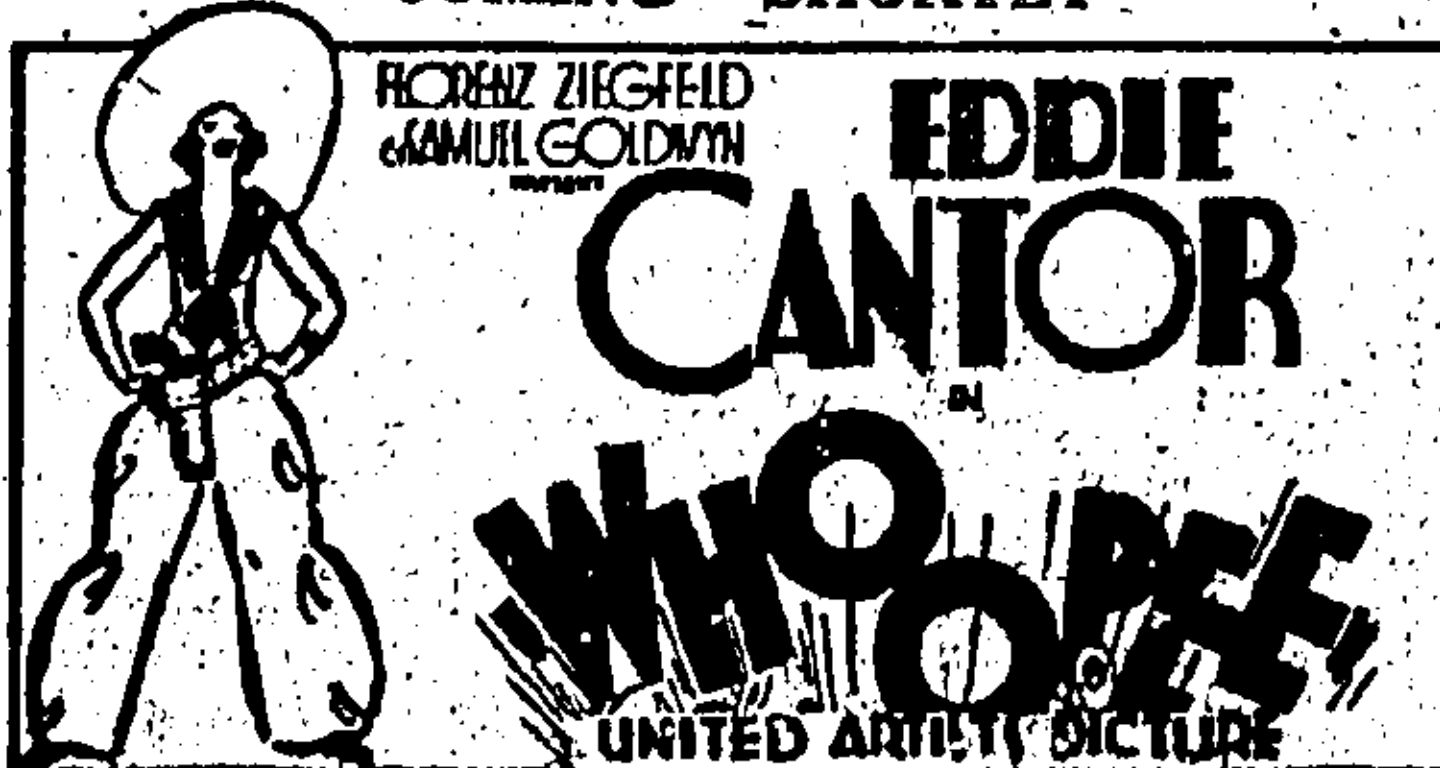
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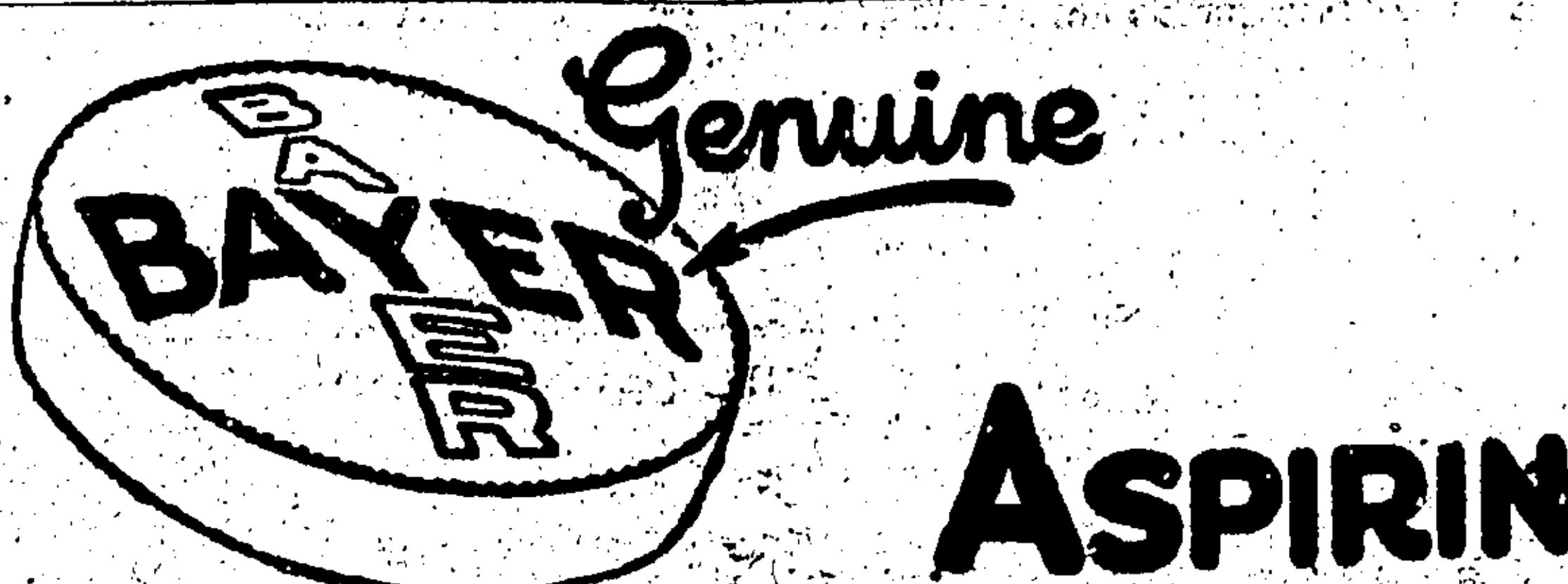
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